



WONDER TIME

"King of My Heart"

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(Instead of a PowerPoint, you may wish to draw a large heart on the whiteboard or poster board. Inside the heart draw a crown. Add the words as they come.) Each of us has a physical heart that beats, pumps blood and keeps us alive. You have a spiritual heart too—the part of you that thinks, feels, and loves. Our hearts are always choosing something or someone as king. That means our hearts choose what the most important thing or person will be for us. Sometimes people make things like music, friends, or sports the most important thing in their lives. What would you want the king of your heart to be like?

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Would you want him to be wise and make good decisions? (*Allow response.*)

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Would you want him to be kind? (*Allow response.*) What else would you want him to be like? (*Allow response.*)

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The one true God is all of these things and more!

If you've believed in Jesus as your Savior, He wants to be the King of your heart. Because He is all of these things and more (*point to visual*), He is worth following. But our hearts often trick us, and it is so easy to follow things or people who are not God. It's not wrong to have friends, but people can sometimes let you down or lead you away from God. Famous people don't always know God or even care about what God says. People can sometimes be wrong but God is never wrong. He is perfect and always does what is right. You can know who God is by reading His Word. God's Word can show you how to keep God as King of your heart when you are tempted to follow other people. This is what our memory verse says. Let's say it together.

God: The One Who Knows My Heart

Because discipleship is fostered in small groups and individual settings, it is recommended that you break into your small groups for the *Wonder Time* teaching whenever possible, depending on the teaching and the dynamics of your club. This can help build trust with the children, address their questions, and encourage them to pursue their personal relationship with God.

Materials

Sticky notes
Tape or sticky tack

You may choose to give children a *Wonder Devotional* or *Every Day with God* book, available from CEF Press. "Quiet Time Sheets" that correspond with each lesson are available in the GNC Resource Pack. Encourage children to use one or more in their Quiet Time each day. You may want to offer a reward to children who complete a certain number of lessons or bring back their completed "Quiet Time Sheets."

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"Psalm 119" verse reproducible
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

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(Quote Psalm 119:9 with children.) Reading the Bible regularly helps you take heed to God's Word. Do you have a plan for reading your Bible and praying? If you don't, why not start today? You can read Psalm 119. You can read one set of eight verses every day. Each verse says something about God and His Word. Look for what it says about God and His Word and then ask God to help you keep Him as King of your heart.

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Say with me, "**Follow God!**" (Say with children.) Let's pray right now and ask God to help us follow Him with our whole hearts. (Close in prayer.)