

THE GREAT CHIP CHALLENGE

A tasty activity for the whole household

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

You'll need:

- A packet of crinkle cut potato chips (*a single serve ~45g packet is good, a family serve ~170g packet is better but a snack serve ~19g is too small*)
- A bowl
- All willing participants in your household
- Disposable gloves for each participant

The Challenge:

Empty your packets of chips into a container or a mixing bowl. Ask an adult in the house to be the chip bowl holder. Everyone (wearing disposable gloves) is invited to choose one chip from the bowl. **The first challenge is that you are not to eat the chip (yet!).** Once everyone has selected a chip, ask them to have a good look at their chosen chip, have a quick look at each other's chosen chip and then return the chips to the bowl.

The chip bowl holder then gives the chip bowl a gentle shake (you don't want to break any of the chips). **Now, here is the Great Chip Challenge: Successfully find your chip again!** One by one, each member of the household tries to find their chip in the now shuffled chip bowl. Most will be unable to find their chip, or uncertain they have identified the correct chip. Where there is certainty, explore with them the feature of the chip that provided certainty (and check other chips in the bowl doesn't share that feature). Confirm this certainty with the other participants - who also saw their chip. Allow everyone to eat a chip!

Conversation:

What do these chips and people have in common?

How many chips do you think are in a packet? Maybe 50, and yet we had heaps of trouble telling them apart. How many people do you think are in living in the world (quick google search will give you the answer)? Nearly 8 billion. I wonder if there's any one who could tell 8,000 000 000 people apart?

Check out these verses from the Bible:

- A prayer written by King David: Psalm 139: 1 – 4 and 13 – 14.
- Jesus talking to the crowd: Matthew 10: 29 - 31

We might not be able to tell one chip from others in a packet of about 50 chips but the Bible tells us that God loves each one of us and knows everything about every one of the millions and millions of us living on the earth.

Sometimes we might feel alone or feel like nobody really understands us, but Jesus does. Sometimes when everything around us is changing and we feel worried or concerned about the future, Jesus knows and we can talk to him and tell him about how we're feeling. In the Bible Jesus talks to us about the things we worry about and reminds us of something very important. Read what he says about worry in Matthew 6: 25 - 26:

'I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing? Look at the birds in the sky! They don't plant or harvest. They don't even store grain in barns. Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth more than birds?'

Can you hear the birds from where you are sitting right now? God loves them and looks after them and he can look after the things you worry about too. God loves you, knows everything about you and never confuses you with anyone else – not like we did with the chips! As you share your bowls of chips, why don't you tell the people in your household the things you love about them that are special.