

A Scared Puppy

A few weeks ago, we brought home the cutest little puppy named Chip. He loves to play with sticks outside, steal all the black socks in the house, chase his squeaky toys, and snuggle with a cozy blanket.

But when we first brought him home, he was so scared that he was shaking. He would barely eat his food or drink his water, and it took three days before we heard him bark. Sounds such as the TV and cars driving by would make him uneasy, and he was afraid to go anywhere in the house besides the living room. But something happened as the days passed and as we spent more and more time with him.

Chip started to get to know us.

He began to realize that we love him and want to take care of him. He now understands that we are going to do whatever it takes to protect him and

keep him safe. He knows that he's a part of our family, and he isn't scared anymore.

When a person doesn't know God, they may think He causes bad things to happen to teach them a lesson. They may think He's too busy to listen to their prayers, or He decided not to help them for one reason or another. They may not understand how much God loves them.

But something happens when a person takes the time to know God—when they spend time with Him by reading the Bible and talking to Him...and when they put Him first above all other things. When you truly know God, you'll realize how good He is. How He will always be there to listen to you, help you, and protect you. You'll realize how much He really loves you. You may not play with squeaky toys or chew on sticks, but you'll know that with God, there's no reason to be scared or worried.

*What about you? How well do you know God?
How often do you spend time getting to know Him?*

Color the pictures of the puppies. Which one is your favorite?

