

DOWNLOADABLE GAME · YOUTH / SMALL GROUP



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Rename → Real Name

Soft labels for loneliness and hurt — and the God who still sees

Ages 13–18

10–20 min

Pairs with He Sees You Still

HOW TO PLAY

1. Print pages 2–3. Cut on the dashed lines. Keep SOFT NAME and REAL NAME in two stacks.
2. Deal Soft Name cards face down. Flip one. Group guesses: What might God call this?
3. Reveal the matching Real Name card (same number). Read the verse aloud.
4. Talk 60 seconds: Where have we used this soft label this week?
5. Optional race mode: two teams — first to match all 12 pairs wins, then discuss the hardest pair.
6. Gospel close: El Roi sees you still. Beauty for ashes; hope rising in Christ — tell Him the real name.

Free for churches, homes & youth leaders

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Soft Name Cards

Print · cut on dashes · keep this stack face down

SOFT NAME · #01

"I'm fine"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #02

"Nobody gets me"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #03

"I don't matter"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #04

"I'll handle it alone"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #05

"It's just drama"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #06

"God's busy"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #07

"Stay small"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #08

"Don't need anyone"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #09

"Hope is naive"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #10

"This is my identity now"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #11

"Prayer won't change this"

What might God call this?

SOFT NAME · #12

"Hold it together"

What might God call this?

Real Name Cards

Same numbers as Soft Name · reveal after the guess

REAL NAME · #01

Hiding a wounded heart

Psalm 34:18

was: "I'm fine"

REAL NAME · #02

**Loneliness God already
sees**

Genesis 16:13

was: "Nobody gets me"

REAL NAME · #03

**False name for a child God
draws near**

Isaiah 43:1

was: "I don't matter"

REAL NAME · #04

**Refusing the nearness of
God**

Matthew 11:28

was: "I'll handle it alone"

REAL NAME · #05

Soft label for real grief

Psalm 56:8

was: "It's just drama"

REAL NAME · #06

**Lie that Heaven ignores the
brokenhearted**

Psalm 34:15

was: "God's busy"

REAL NAME · #07

Fear dressed as wisdom

2 Timothy 1:7

was: "Stay small"

REAL NAME · #08

Isolation as a false shelter

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

was: "Don't need anyone"

REAL NAME · #09

Ashes without beauty

Isaiah 61:3

was: "Hope is naive"

REAL NAME · #10

Wound worn as a crown

2 Corinthians 5:17

was: "This is my identity now"

REAL NAME · #11

**Silence mistaken for
absence**

1 John 5:14

was: "Prayer won't change this"

REAL NAME · #12

**Performance instead of
being held**

Psalm 147:3

was: "Hold it together"

Leader Key + Gospel Close

Answer sheet · keep this page uncut

MATCH KEY

#01 "I'm fine"

-> Hiding a wounded heart · Psalm 34:18

#02 "Nobody gets me"

-> Loneliness God already sees · Genesis 16:13

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-> False name for a child God draws near · Isaiah 43:1

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GOSPEL CLOSE (2-3 MIN)

- Loneliness and shame often wear soft labels so we can keep carrying them alone.
- El Roi — the God who sees — already names the wound, and offers beauty for ashes in Christ.
- Invite: Which card named you tonight? Tell God that real name.
- Pray: God who sees — call this by its name, hold what we hid, and raise hope in Jesus.
- Point to Song-to-Scripture: He Sees You Still (listen + student sheet).