



## HEARING GOD – “I LOVE TO HEAR GOD”

### LESSON OVERVIEW

**Revelation:** I Love to Hear God

**Bible Lesson:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10

**Heart:** It’s hard to hear God when you are not in His presence, but it is EASY to hear God when you ARE in His presence. When you love to hear God, you get in His presence daily. Then and there, He will speak to you.

**Memory Verse:** “The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, ‘Samuel, Samuel!’ Then Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’”

- 1 Samuel 3:10

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

**Craft Supplies:**

- Craft Page
- Markers/Crayons/Colored Pencils

**Game:**

- 9” Spot Markers (1 per person and 1 extra per team)

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

### DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”



## CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

Remembrance

## WORSHIP | TODDLERS & PRE-K

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Encourage the children to enter worship by putting their attention on the goodness of God in their life. Lead them into praise and thanksgiving by modeling it for them. How has God been good to you? What has He provided for you? If it weren't for Him, where would you be? You are a trusted leader, lead the children into the presence of God. **THIS MAY BE THE FIRST TIME A CHILD HAS EVER BEEN IN A WORSHIP SETTING, LEAD THEM INTO HOW EASY IT IS.**

**ACTIVATION** | Pray something like this, Holy Spirit, you are welcome here today. We give you the whole room. We invite you into our mind, our thoughts, and our hearts. Move freely in this room and move freely in me! We ask that your presence come in like rain. In Jesus name, Amen."

**CLOSE WORSHIP IN PRAYER** | Pray something like this: Friends, put your hands out like you're receiving a gift. Pray, "Dear Jesus, thank you for being here. Holy Spirit, teach us to be more like Jesus. Amen."

## REVELATION

**SAY** | We are beginning a new series all about hearing God! Raise your hand if you love to hear God!

It is so easy to hear God when you are in His presence and when you begin to hear Him and obey Him everything changes. During this series we will dive into how to hear God, different ways He speaks, and why it is so important to obey what He says.

Today we will discover a young man, who ministered to the Lord, but did not yet know His voice. **Our revelation today is, I Love to Hear God.**

**Let's pray**, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don't make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.



## **BIBLE LESSON**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | If you memorize this scripture and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

**BIBLE STORY INTRO** | Our Bible lesson today is found in Jeremiah 1:4-12.

Our story begins with Samuel who served the Lord under the high priest Eli. In those days God's voice was very rare and He did not give many visions either. God was no longer speaking to Eli, and his sons were wicked in the eyes of God, and they were bringing unholy things into the temple and defiling it, this did not please God and Eli allowed it to happen.

Now Samuel served and ministered to the Lord under Eli, but he did not yet know the voice of God.

One night, Eli was very old, and his eyes were becoming weak, he was lying down in his bed. Samuel was laying down in the Lord's house, where the ark of God was kept behind the curtain called the Holy of Holies and the lamp of God was burning. Say "Holy of Holies" (pause to repeat)

The Holy of Holies was where the presence of God dwelt!

Suddenly the Lord called out to Samuel and Samuel answered, "Here I am." Then he ran over to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called out to me." But Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down." So he went and laid down. Again, the Lord called out, "Samuel!" Samuel got up again and went back to Eli. He said, "Here I am. You called out to me." "My son," Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down."

Samuel didn't know the Lord yet. That's because the Lord still hadn't spoken to him, He did not know His voice. The Lord called out for the third time. He said, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli. He said, "Here I am. You called out to me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So, Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down. If someone calls out to you again, say, 'Speak, Lord. I'm listening.'" So Samuel went and laid back down.



Then the Lord came and stood there. (pause) The Lord stood there next to Samuel, can you imagine that? (allow for response)

He called out, just as he had done the other times. He said, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel replied, “Speak. I’m listening.”

Samuel did not know that the Lord was speaking to him, who can remember where he was sleeping? (allow for response, in the house of the Lord near the Holy of Holies). Samuel was sleeping near the presence of God and God was calling to him from where His presence dwelt. World Changers, when you are in the presence of God it is so easy to hear Him!

Samuel continued to follow and listen to the voice of the Lord and God made him a mighty prophet. The Bible says that not one of Samuel's words fell to the ground, or that everything that God spoke to Samuel came true. Samuel loved to hear God, and he stayed in His presence.

Does anyone in here ever hear the voice of fear? It is pretty easy to hear sometimes, but if you can hear the voice of fear, I have good news for you. You have spiritual ears, and you can hear the voice of God too! God is speaking and He has given you spiritual ears to hear Him, all you have to say is “speak Lord, your servant is listening”. It is so easy to hear Him, all you have to do is get into His presence every day (daily encounter) and He will speak to you! When you love to hear God, you daily pray this prayer “speak Lord, your servant is listening.”

**Our revelation today is, I Love to Hear God**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like leading an altar call moment for those who want to hear the Lord speak, a moment of calling out “speak Lord, your servants are listening”. You can go into an activation of having children share what they heard the Lord say.

## **SALVATION+ RECAP**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!



**SAY** | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc, have everyone repeat prayer together)

**PRAYER** | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

**CELEBRATION** | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let's Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

**NOTE** | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet

**ASK** | + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?

+ How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?

+ What is our memory verse?

+ What was our Revelation?

+ What was our Bible story about?

## **BENEDICTION PRAYER**

"Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor." – Exodus 33:13

## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

### **1. What was our memory verse?**

("The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10 (NIV))

### **2. What was our revelation?**



(I Love To Hear God)

**3. What was our Bible Story about?**

(The Lord calling out to Samuel)

**4. Why was the Lord no longer speaking to Eli?**

(Because his sons were doing what was wrong and he was allowing it.)

**5. What did Samuel do when he first heard his name being called?**

(He ran to Eli and said “here I am”.)

**6. Where was Samuel sleeping?**

(In the house of God, near the Holy of Holies, where the presence of God would dwell.)



## CRAFT

**INSTRUCTIONS** | Our craft today is a coloring sheet reminding us about today's revelation: **I Love to Hear God**

## GAME TIME

**Game: The Floor is Lava**

Supplies:

- 9" spot markers (1 per person and 1 extra per team)

Set up:

- Divide players into two teams of 10.
- Provide each team with 1 marker per person and 1 extra for the team.
- Mark a starting line and a finish line at an equal distance for both teams.
- Ensure there is enough space between the teams to avoid interference.

Instructions:

- All players must stand on a marker at all times; no part of their body can touch the floor.
- Teams must work together to move their squares forward, creating a path to the finish line.
- Players can pick up and reposition squares but cannot slide or throw them.
- If a player touches the floor, their team must return to the starting line.
- The first team to have all players cross the finish line wins.

Optional Variations:

- Place objects or "rescue" people along the route for teams to carry to the finish line for bonus points.
- Add obstacles to navigate around.

Include checkpoints where teams must solve riddles or complete challenges before proceeding

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and classroom name: \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

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Celebrations: \_\_\_\_\_

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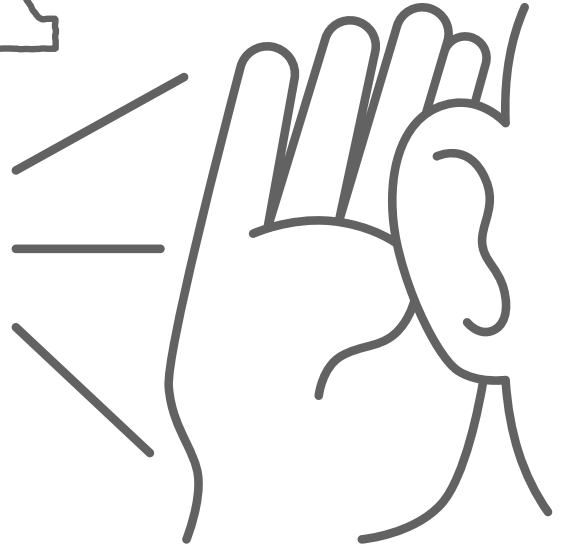
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**HEARING GOD WK 1**

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**STORY:**

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