



HEARING GOD – “I HEAR GOD BECAUSE I OBEY GOD”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: I Hear God because I Obey God

Bible Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:11-21

Heart: Your ability to hear God is determined by your ability to obey God. Because Samuel was obedient to telling what Eli what God said, the Lord was with him and continued to speak to him and made everything he said come true.

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:

- 2 Large Storage Bins (Big enough for a player to sit in) - Tape
- 4 Pool Noodles per team (To act as a rolling conveyor belt)

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 in a series all about hearing the voice of God! Who has heard the voice of God this month? (allow for response)

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.

Today you will discover that you can Radically Love God by giving Him your obedience when He speaks, even when it seems hard.

Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God." This means that everyone has sinned, and this sin separates you from God. But because of God's radical love for you, He sent His son and His Holy Spirit, so you can be forgiven and experience God's glory and hear His voice. God forgives and continues to speak even when you make mistakes or make a wrong turn, but obedience is the key to hearing God more and more! You have discovered where to find God's voice, what He sounds like, and now this week you will find the key to continuing to hear Him!



Today, our story begins back where the boy Samuel was in the temple, and he heard the voice of God, but God spoke something that would be hard for Samuel to do. Samuel's obedience will determine if God continues to speak to him. **Our revelation today is I Hear God Because I Obey 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 1 Samuel 3:11-21

In week 1 you discovered "I love to hear God", God spoke to Samuel 3 times, but because Samuel did not know God yet and he did not recognize His voice. After the third time, Eli told Samuel it was God speaking to him and to respond with "speak Lord, your servant is listening", this was the first time God was revealing His voice to Samuel. Our story today begins here.

Samuel responds with "Speak Lord, your servant is listening" and God begins to speak to him through a vision (a spiritual daydream) of His plan for the future of Eli and his sons. This plan would get everyone's attention in Israel. Eli and his sons were not obedient to God, and because they would not obey Him, God chose to talk to Samuel instead.

God said to Samuel, "I will do everything to Eli and his family that I said I would. I will finish what I have started. I told Eli I would punish his family forever. He knew his sons were sinning. He knew they were saying bad things about me. In spite of that, he did not stop them."

God was saying that He was going to judge Eli's family forever for the sins of Eli and his sons. (Pause) Raise your hand if you are so GLAD that Jesus died for our sins, so that when we make the wrong choice over and over again, all we have to do is turn away from our sin and turn to Jesus?



The next morning when Samuel woke up, he was afraid to tell Eli the vision that the Lord gave him.

Eli called to Samuel and Samuel said, “here I am” and Eli asked him, “What did God say to you?” He encouraged him to tell him what God said and not to hide anything, and so Samuel told him everything that the Lord said.

Eli said that he trusted what was good in Gods eyes, he said, “He is the Lord. Let him do what he thinks is best.”

After this, Samuel grew up and God was with him and let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground. Meaning, everything that Samuel said from God, came true! Then, all of Israel knew that Samuel was a prophet of the Lord! Samuel heard God because he obeyed God.

God chose Samuel to be a prophet because he was obedient to everything God told him to do, even when it was hard, like telling his master Eli that the Lord was going to bring destruction to him and his sons.

Hearing God’s voice was more important than anything else to Samuel. God kept speaking to him because Samuel continued to obey. God trusts those who are obedient. As you obey Him, He will trust you more with His Word. You can trust God that He is working all things for your good and that all good things come from Him. When you obey your parents, your teachers, and your Father in heaven, it pleases God. World Changers, God speaks to those who obey Him.

Our revelation today is, I Hear God Because I Obey!

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This could be a great time to repent for disobedience (even when its hard) and then a call for offering God our obedience and our ear! You can get specific about asking them to tell God what they will obey him in and after that, it can be another moment of “Speak Lord, your Servant is listening!” and waiting for the Lord to then speak!



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)

2. What was our revelation?

(I Hear God Because I Obey God)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(Samuel obeying the voice of God even when it was hard)

4. Who was Eli and why was Eli's family cursed by God?

(He was the high priest in the temple and Samuel's leader/teacher. His sons were in sin and were not obeying God)

5. What did Samuel then become?

(A prophet of God for all of Israel)

6. TRICK QUESTION 😊 WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF OUR BIBLE STORY TODAY?

(ALLOW EACH CHILD TO ANSWER) EACH GETS A REWARD 😊



CRAFT

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

GAME TIME

Game: Rolling Thunder Raceway

Supplies needed:

- 2 large storage bins (big enough for a player to sit in).
- 4 pool noodles per team (to act as rolling conveyor belts).
- Cones or tape to mark the starting and finish lines.

Set up:

- Divide players into two teams of five.
- Mark a starting line and a finish line at an equal distance for both teams.
- Ensure there is enough space between teams to avoid interference.
- Assign roles for each team:
 - o 1 rider (sits in the storage bin).
 - o 1 pusher (pushes the bin forward).
 - o 2 noodle rollers (place pool noodles in front of the bin to create a conveyor belt).
 - o 1 floater (helps reposition noodles as needed).

Instructions:

- The rider sits inside the storage bin at the starting line.
- The pusher must push the bin forward but can only move when the bin is rolling on top of the pool noodles.
- The noodle rollers must keep placing pool noodles in front of the bin to create a moving conveyor belt.
- The floater helps by repositioning noodles as needed to keep the bin moving forward.
- If the bin touches the ground without a noodle underneath, the team must restart from the last checkpoint.
- The first team to successfully transport their rider across the finish line wins!



SALVATIONS

TEACHER PROMPT | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: _____

FEEDBACK

Any feedback for the curriculum or classroom can be submitted on this page.

Your name and classroom name: _____

Feedback: _____

CELEBRATIONS

In a value of celebration, list any teacher or child wins such as salvation stories, teacher celebrations, anyone walking in the values, etc.

Celebrations: _____



KIDS: _____



HEARING GOD WK 1

MEMORY VERSE:

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calling as at the other times, "Samuel!
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for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:10

REVELATION:

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STORY:

1 Samuel 3:11-21