



HEARING GOD – “GOD IS ALWAYS SPEAKING”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: God is Always Speaking

Bible Lesson: Daniel 2

Heart: The voice of fear intended to intimidate all the kingdom, but Daniel and his friends sought the voice of God. God has given you spiritual ears to recognize the difference between yourself, fear & the Holy Spirit.

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 in a series all about hearing God! When you are in the presence of God it is so easy to hear Him.

Today we will unpack the story of how God was speaking but it wasn't through someone hearing like Samuel, God was speaking through dreams and visions. God speaks to us in all different kind of ways. There are 3 voices that people can hear, the voice of fear, your voice, and the voice of the Holy Spirit. Today, you will see how the voice of fear came to bring destruction to one of God's people, but he chose to seek God's voice and God spoke to him with a vision. **Our revelation today is, God Is Always Speaking**

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 Daniel 2

Our story begins with King Nebuchadnezzar, but it is not the story where he threw the boys in the fire, this time Nebuchadnezzar was calling for destruction to all his “wise men” (emphasize wise men) because they could not tell him his own dream.

“In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar’s rule, he had a dream. His mind was troubled. He couldn’t sleep. Have you ever had a dream that upset you or made you afraid and you couldn’t go back to sleep? (pause for response)

So, the king sent for those who claimed to get knowledge by using magic. He also sent for those who practiced evil magic and those who studied the heavens. He wanted them to tell him what he had dreamed. They came in and stood in front of the king. He said to them, “I had a dream. It troubles me. So, I want to know what it means.””

Where does true knowledge and wisdom come from? (allow for response)
Do people who practice these evil and dark things truly have knowledge?
(allow for response) Proverbs 2:6 says, “For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.” Let’s find out if these “wise men” actually had knowledge.

But the men argued back asking him to tell them the dream, Nebuchadnezzar insisted that they must tell him his dream and what it meant, or he would put them to... death. But if they could tell him his dream and what it meant, they would receive gifts and rewards and great honor.

The men argued again asking him to tell them the dream so they could tell him what it meant. The king did not like this, he said, “I know what you are doing. You are trying to gain more time. You realize that I’ve made up my mind. You must tell me the dream. If you don’t, you will pay for it.”



The men said to the king, “There is no one on earth who can do what you are asking! No king has ever asked for anything like that. Not even a king as great and mighty as you have asked for it. Those who get knowledge by using magic have never been asked to do what you are asking. And those who study the heavens haven’t been asked to do it either. What you are asking is much too hard. No one can tell you what you dreamed except the gods. And they don’t live among human beings.”

The king was very angry and ordered that all his “wise men” be put to death, including Daniel and his friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego). Fear was raging through the kingdom, and Daniel had a choice to make, would he bow to this fear or seek the voice of the Lord? (pause for buildup)

“Arioach was the commander of the king’s guard. He went out to put the wise men of Babylon to death. So, Daniel spoke to him wisely and carefully. He asked the king’s officer, “Why did Nebuchadnezzar give a terrible order like that?” Then Arioach explained to Daniel what was going on. When Daniel heard that, he went to the king. He told him he would explain the dream to him. But he needed more time.”

After this Daniel went back to his house and told his friends, they prayed and asked God to have mercy on them and help them understand the mystery of the king's dream. That night, God gave Daniel a vision and showed him exactly what the dream was and what it meant. Daniel praised God.

The next day, Daniel went to the Arioach and said, “Don’t kill the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king. I’ll tell him what his dream means.”

So, Daniel went to the king and told him exactly what he had dreamed and what it meant.

“Then King Nebuchadnezzar bowed low in front of Daniel. He wanted to honor him... The king said to Daniel, “I’m sure your God is the greatest God of all. He is the Lord of kings. He explains mysteries. That’s why you were able to explain the mystery of my dream.” Then, the king put Daniel in a position of authority. He gave him many gifts. He made him ruler over the city of Babylon and the towns around



it. He put him in charge of all its other wise men. The king also did what Daniel asked him to. He appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to help Daniel govern Babylon and the towns around it.”

God was speaking all throughout this story, he spoke to Nebuchadnezzar in a dream and Daniel in a vision. God is always speaking, and you have been given ears to hear and the power to understand the mysteries of heaven. Daniel did not let the voice of fear through King Nebuchadnezzar intimidate him, but he went to the Lord and sought the voice of God. God is always speaking. When you hear fear or confusion or when you have dreams or visions you do not understand, you can go to the Lord and He will show you His voice and speak to you all that you need to know. God’s voice will cast out all fear because his voice is one of perfect love, Radical love!

Our revelation today is, God Is Always Speaking.

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like leading a moment of asking if anyone has been hearing the voice of fear and intimidation, lead them in a moment of giving that to God and asking Him to speak the truth over the fear. Maybe some in the room are having bad dreams or vivid dreams, ask the Lord to come cast out all fear and bring clarity.

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?

(God is always speaking)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(King Nebuchadnezzar wanted someone to tell him his dream and what it meant.)

4. What are different ways God speaks?

(His Word, His voice, dreams, visions, etc...)

5. Daniel was being intimidated by the voice of fear, what did he do?



(He and his friends prayed.)

6. If you can hear the voice of fear, you can hear the voice of ____?

(God, the Holy Spirit.)

CRAFT

INSTRUCTIONS | Our craft today is a coloring sheet reminding us about today's revelation: **God is Always Speaking**

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: _____

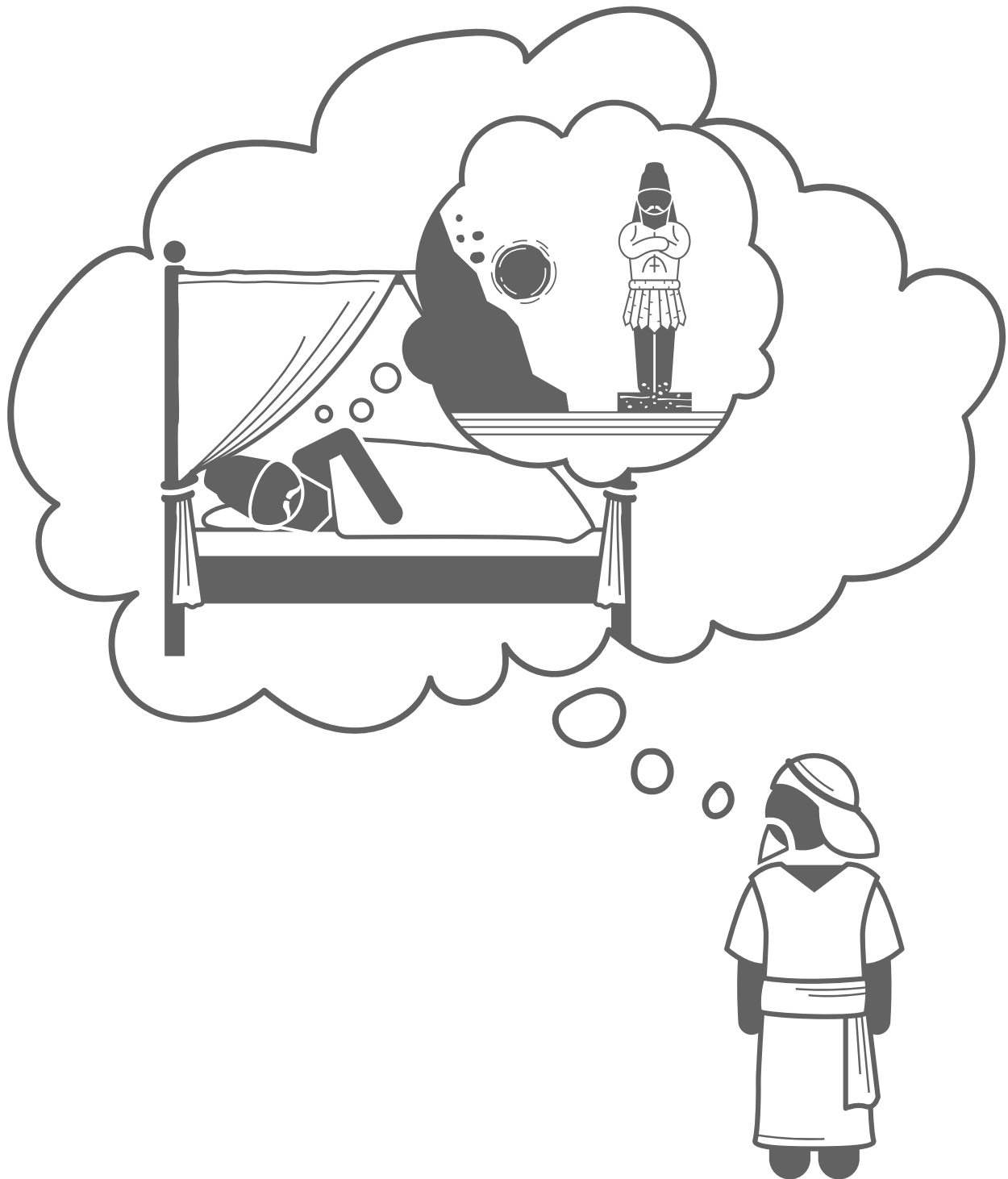
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Celebrations: _____



KIDS: _____



HEARING GOD WK 1

MEMORY VERSE:

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REVELATION:

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STORY:

Daniel 2