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Greeting & Prayer

MADE TO
Pray

What You Need

- ☐ A Spinning Wheel
- ☐ Prayer Chart

What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Recall a time when God gave you the courage to do something you didn't think you were ready for. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to live inside of you and help you take the next step! Ask God to help the kids trust Him when they feel nervous or unsure. Whether it's a big change or something small, pray that kids would know God is with them even when they don't feel ready.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

What You Say

"Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation."

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity

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ACTIVITY ONE

See the Verse

Faith Skills

Hear from God	Pray to God
Talk about God	Live for God

What You Need

- Bible

Inclusive Pro Tips

Use thumbs-up and thumbs-down if not all children can sit and stand easily.



What You Do:

- Explain to the kids to listen closely as you read a verse or verses from the Bible.
- As you read the verses from the Bible, encourage the kids to make a motion or movement that relates to the verse. (e.g. “God so loved the world” could be heart hands or making the world with their hands in a circle above their head.)
- Read the verses one at a time and give the kids time to think and move.
 - John 3:16
 - Philippians 4:6
 - Psalm 119:105
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

What You Say:

“Great job! One of the ways we can hear from God is through the Bible! The Bible teaches us who God is and how to live like Jesus.

“We also learned today that there are two other main ways God speaks to us: God speaks to us through other people who love Him. And He speaks to us through His Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us and tells us ways to make our world look more like God’s Kingdom. Like when He says, ‘That girl looks lonely. Why don’t you invite her to play with you?’

“When we hear from God, what we hear will always, always, always line up with what we hear in the Bible. The Bible is truth, and we’ll know we are hearing from God when what we hear lines up with the truth of the Bible!

“So let’s read the Bible! That’s one main way we can [Bottom Line] practice hearing from God.”

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ACTIVITY TWO

Rock It

What You Need

- Large, smooth, flat rock
- Permanent markers



What You Do:

- Let each kid hold the rock and feel how strong and solid it is.
- Tell them that we want to build our lives on a firm foundation like Jesus talked about in our Bible Story today.
- Ask: "What is one thing you want to pray for this week?"
- As each kid shares, invite them to use a permanent marker to write their name on the rock.
- [Make It Personal] (Share one thing you want to pray for this week and write your name on the rock.)

What You Say:

"This rock can help us remember that we can hear from God! He is strong, and we can build our lives on a firm foundation by listening to what God says and doing what He says."

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Print "Verse Motions" Activity Pages to support visual learners and readers who want to follow along on their own copies of the motions.

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Pray and Dismiss

Prayer Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God	Pray to God
Talk about God	Live for God

What You Need

No supplies needed



What You Say

"Dear God, thank You that You speak to us. Help us to hear what You say and do what You say so we can build our lives on a firm foundation, like this rock. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition -> As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share one promise from today's Bible Story that God kept and remind the kids to share that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is good news for everyone.

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Instead of praying silently, give options for the kids to write or doodle to God quietly.