

# Listen to the King

## Hearing the Voice of God



John 10:27

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## Prayer Point Focus

### *Leader's Lesson Overview*

- Learning to hear God's voice is very important.
- God talks to His children in many different ways. He usually doesn't speak loudly. Often He speaks through thoughts, pictures and scriptures. Sometimes, He gives us dreams or visions.
- When we pray, we can ask God who He wants us to pray for, or what to pray for. Maybe God will put someone or something in your heart. Pray for that person. Maybe you will remember something you need to repent of. Practice listening for his "still small voice."
- God will never tell us something that goes against scripture. It will always be something that brings glory to God.
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- The goal for these Prayer Points is for our prayers to continue to grow deeper. The Lord may help you to do this in a different way than is listed here. Listen to Him and follow His directions.

### *Preparation*

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### Come Into His Presence

#### MEMORY VERSE

- John 10:27 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me*

#### SONGS

- Seek and Ye Shall Find
- Where He Leads Me

Be prepared to share the Scripture Story of Samuel hearing God the first time.

Review some of the past songs and scriptures.



### Enter the Gates (opening prayers)

Ask someone to open with a prayer of praise.

### Prayers for the Church and Community

Pray for the church service. Ask God's spirit to speak through them. Pray for protection from the enemy.

Ask for someone to pray for those preparing for next week's service. Have a schedule handy.

Pray for people in your community. Pray for first responders, mayors, judges...

### Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

Review the Hand of Prayer

Start prayer time with repentance. Remind the children to pull the weeds and let go of the rocks that their prayers may be scripture. Ask the children to pray in their hearts.

Ask the children if they have any prayer concerns. Ask different children if they would be willing to pray for that person. If anyone has an unspoken request, pray for that also. They may be too embarrassed to say the request. But, God knows what it is.

Ask if anyone has an answered prayer (Praise Report) to tell about. Thank the Lord for the answer to prayer.

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## Prayer Point - Listen to the King

Review the Hand of Prayer quickly. Especially review Ask and Yield. Have the kids help sum up the concepts.

When we have a conversation with someone, should we do all of the talking?

### Activity from Kids Gap pg. 26

Do the activity where one person is trying to tell a story to someone but everyone else is talking and being a distraction. Maybe have a few teens or helpers act this out. Or you could use puppets if that works for your kids.

### Talk about it:

Was it hard to hear? Why?

How could you have heard better?

Discuss needing to be quiet to hear.

**ASK:** Have you ever heard God speak to you? Do you think He could? (KG book - pgs. 26-27)

Talk about practicing to hear and listen to God's voice and its importance.

God doesn't always talk out loud. He can speak in many different ways.

God can talk through dreams, thoughts, songs, scriptures, nature, events...

Don't forget that not all voices are of God. We have to know God's voice through experience and if it matches with scripture.

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### LEADER CHALLENGE

Practice listening by asking God how to illustrate this message in a way that reaches the children.

Then, please share with the rest of us at [kingdomkidsontheirknees.com](http://kingdomkidsontheirknees.com).

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## Tune In Activity

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**There is a tendency for us to compare ourselves with others.** Maybe some have never noticed God speaking to them. It's important to bring out the fact that God speaks to us in many different ways and we have to tune our hearts to hear Him. It's not that He's not speaking, we just haven't learned to tune into His frequency.



**We did an activity with walkie-talkies.** I had 4 walkie-talkies in a set. I gave one to a leader who secretly went to a classroom, turned on his walkie-talkie and began sending out messages and clues about how to find him.

- The kids were split into 3 groups, each group was given a walkie-talkie with no batteries. They were given instructions to try to find Pete using their walkie talkie.
- First they had to ask for batteries and put them in properly. (This is like us connecting with God and asking for His Holy Spirit to guide us.)
- Then they had to find the right channel to hear him speaking. There were 22 channels on our walkie-talkies. (We have to tune in to hear God's voice. He is always speaking but we might not be on the right channel.)
- After finding the right channel they had to follow the clues to find the leader. (This is like when God gives us directions but we have to search to find out what the message means.)

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## Testimonies

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**Share real testimonies about times when you others have heard from the Lord.**

What is a Testimony?

“When I was a child, I always wanted to see an angel or have Jesus visit me. I have never seen Jesus, exactly. But, looking back, He was talking to me in many ways that I didn't realize.

Every time we get that bad feeling in the pit of our stomach when we are about to do something wrong or unwise, that is our conscience which is really the Holy Spirit speaking to us.

The good feeling we get when we do something kind and generous is also Him. There may be many ways God has talked to you and you just didn't realize it!”

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Split into small groups and begin with a song of praise or prayers of praise and worship. Ask God to speak to your hearts as you pray so you can pray His will.

Tell the kids that this is like putting the batteries in the walkie-talkie.

Spend some time in prayer for whatever God has put on your heart.

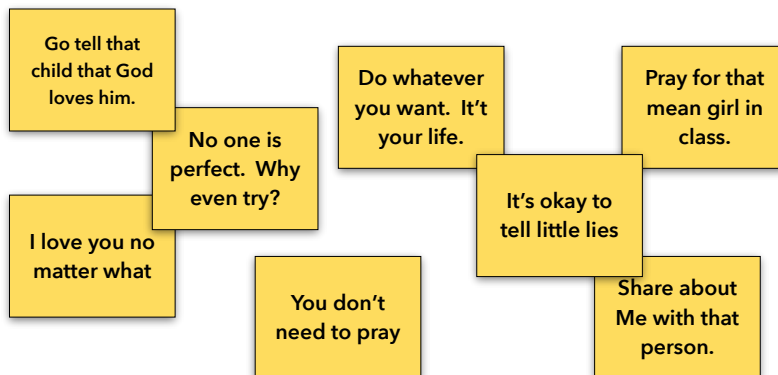
### • Would God Say That?

Put sticky notes on board that say things like :

Have the children categorize them into groups:

**Could be from God** / **Not from God.**

Remember: God will never tell you something that goes against scripture!!





## Listen to the King Scripture and Songs

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### Seek and Ye Shall Find

Seek and ye shall find,  
 Knock and the door shall be opened  
 Ask and it shall be given  
 And the love comes a tumblin' down

My brother, the Lord has been here.  
 My sister, the Lord has been here.  
 My brother, the Lord has been here  
 And the love comes a tumblin' down.

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### Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word  
 What a glory He shed on our way.  
 While we do His good will, He abides with us still  
 And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey. For there's no other way  
 To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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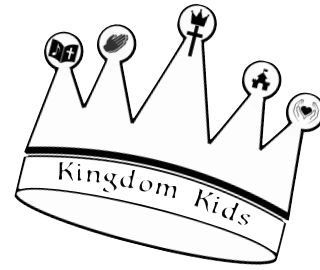
### Where He Leads Me

I can hear my Savior calling (3x)  
 Calling Children, follow, follow me.

Where He leads me, I will follow. (3x)  
 I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.

## Project Ideas

### Prayer Points for Parents



Hello Parents!

Today at Kingdom Kids we talked about listening when we pray.

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### Scripture Memory

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**K Kid Challenge:** Pray together as a family and spend some time listening. Don’t forget that we have to tune in to His “channel.” Singing worship songs, praising Him, reading scriptures (even praying from the scriptures) repenting and forgiving are some of the ways to get to His “channel.”