



HANG OUT (10 MINS)

- Welcome people as they arrive.
- Spend a few minutes making small talk/offer snacks.

ICE BREAKER (10 MINS)

- Ask the children the following questions. If they agree with the first option have them raise finger, and if they agree with second option raise two fingers. You could also use different color pieces of construction paper, or various motions like patting their head.

Who should you listen to about bedtime? parents or neighbor (ask them why)

Who should you listen to about turning in homework? friend or teacher (ask them why)

Who should you listen to about fire safety? fireman or veterinarian (ask them why)

Who should you listen to about crossing the street? crossing guard or librarian (ask them why)

Who should you listen to about staying healthy? doctor or grocery store cashier (ask them why)

Who should you listen to about obeying the law? soccer coach or police officer (ask them why)

Who should you listen to about the Bible? news or pastor (ask them why)

DISCUSSION (50 MINS)

- Prayer
- Read Bible verses: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Tell them the story of Samuel listening to God's voice.

Lessons:

God Teaches, We Listen.

Most of the time we can figure out who to listen to pretty easily. What are some of the things that help us figure it out? Why should we listen to and obey someone? A lot of the time they are older. People who are older, like your parents, have been around longer and experienced more than you have. They have actually already gone to school, made friends, played sports, stayed up late, and shared toys. And since they have already had those experiences they know things that can help you. Why should we listen to a doctor instead of our grocery store cashier? The doctor went to school for a really long time specifically to help keep you healthy. And before they could become a doctor they had to take a whole bunch of tests to prove that they had learned and remembered it all.

Why should we listen to our pastor instead of the news? Before teaching us about the Bible, our pastor/leaders have read the Bible and prayed about it. They make sure they are teaching what God wants them to teach, instead of what the world wants. Through our leaders, we learn what God says and we must listen.

What happens when we don't pay attention?

When we listen, we learn.

God gave us a sense of hearing and seeing which help us understand the world around us. The most important thing that you can listen for is the voice of God. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible and He speaks through preachers or our leaders explain God's Word to us. Either way, it is very important to listen to whatever God may be trying to tell you.

Was there ever a time when you did not listen and you missed out on something? Tell us about it.

When we listen to God, that means we belong to Him.

Jesus said in John 10:27, "My sheep listen my voice I know them, and they follow me." Following Jesus is about loving Him, listening to His teachings and loving one another. *How can we hear God speak to us?*

CLOSING ACTIVITY (5 MINS)

Close the lesson by bringing the class together to pray by repeating what they hear you say.
