

Kids Church

September 27, 2026

SEPTEMBER

K- 1st Grades

Theme This Week- “God is always pursuing you!”

Prayer Time- Lord, almighty show us the power in knowing Your Word. Show us how knowing Your Word can change everything in our life. Help us to replace our fears, our anxieties, and our doubts with Your Word. Help this memory verse strike a cord with our hearts.

Challenge- Hula Hoop Hut Wars

Special Story- Not listening to my mom about taking out the trash.

Memory Verse – “My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”
John 10:27

Songs- Free, Goodness of God, Jesus Loves Me

Devotion- God calls out to Samuel
1 Samuel 3

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Small Group Time

Blindfolded Trek

What You Need:

- ☐ Blindfold
- ☐ Special chair or colorful pillow (an object to be the "destination")

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Place the "destination" object on one side of the room.
- Ask for a kid to volunteer to be blindfolded.
- Have the other kids spread out around the room and start making soft, quiet noises (like whispering, humming, or tapping their knees).
- Explain that you, the leader, are the only voice the blindfolded person should listen to.
- The blindfolded kid must listen carefully for YOUR voice as you give them directions (e.g., "Take two steps forward," "Turn to your left," "You're getting warmer!") to help them reach the destination. Make sure to keep them from hurting themselves.
- Once they reach the object, they can remove the blindfold, and everyone can cheer!
- Continue until each kid that wants a turn gets to participate.

What You Say:

"That was really hard, wasn't it? There were so many other noises, but you had to focus and listen just for my voice to find your way. It's like that when we listen for God. God speaks to you all the time, but you have to learn how to listen for His voice and to separate it out from all the noise and distractions in your life. Start by asking God to speak to you and trust that He does. When we ask Him to speak, He will help guide us.

Remember, **[Bottom Line]** I can ask God to speak to me."

Take Time to Pray with your Kiddos!

Whose Voice Is It?

What You Need:

- ☐ Bibles marked at John 10:27
- ☐ Smartphone or voice recorder

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- As kids come into the room (or during a quiet moment), discreetly record each of them saying this month's memory verse: *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* John 10:27. (If possible, include recordings of Kids Pastor and Small Group/Large Group Leaders too!)

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at John 10:27.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Explain that you are going to play some secret recordings, and they have to guess whose voice they hear.
- Play the first recording and let the kids guess who is speaking.
- Continue through the recordings, celebrating their good listening skills.

What You Say:

"You all are expert voice detectives! You know your friends' voices so well. Our Memory Verse says, *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* John 10:27 NIV The more we listen to Jesus and learn about Him in the Bible, the more we will know His voice when He speaks to our hearts. If you aren't sure whether something you hear is from God, talk with a trusted grown-up who follows God, like when Samuel shared what he heard with Eli. The first step is to ask! So, always remember that **[Bottom Line] I can ask God to speak to me.**"

Discussion Questions

1. How many of you have gotten into trouble for not listening?
2. How many of you have had trouble listening to instructions while at school?
3. How old was Samuel when this happened to him? We do not know exactly, but we know that he was a kid probably in elementary school.
4. Where did Samuel live at this time? He lived at the Church.
5. Why was Samuel living at the Church? He wanted to use his life to serve our great God.
6. Who was Eli? Eli was the lead pastor of that Church. He was like a teacher to Samuel.
7. Who called out to Samuel in the middle of the night? God
8. Who did Samuel think was calling for him? He thought it was Eli.
9. Who called out to him again? God
10. Was Eli happy that Samuel kept waking him up? Nope.
11. What did Eli say the third time Samuel woke him up? When God calls out to you again, Say Lord here I am, I am listening.
12. Would you be excited or scared if called woke you up in the middle of the night?
13. How does God speak to us today most of the time? Through the Bible.
14. What do you think God would tell you if He did wake you up in the middle of the night?