

High Voltage Kids Ministry

“Listen & Obey”

Main Focus:

We must listen and obey
God's voice above all!



Power Verse:

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



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Listen & Obey God's Voice!”

LEADER'S INFO

There are many voices speaking into the lives of our children. It's important that they learn to listen to the RIGHT voices. Listening to the right voices in life begins with listening to the most important voice of all time - God!

God speaks to people in many different ways - through His word, in prayer, and even through others. But can kids truly expect God to speak to them?

In this lesson, your kids will learn about a young boy named Samuel. Samuel was only a small boy, but He heard a voice in the middle of the night. He wasn't sure if it was God or maybe just Eli the priest calling his name.

Could it actually have been God speaking to Samuel – even though he was just a kid? Well, the kids will learn all about how God will speak to each of them. They have to be willing to listen and obey.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Hearing God's Voice”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Wacky Wally”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Blow It Up!”



Bible Story

“Samuel Listens To God's Voice”



Power Verse (NO Video)

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Call To Action

“Listen & Obey”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

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“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Wacky Wally” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Blow It Up!” Graphic
- A Large Feather
- A Stopwatch

Bible Story

- “Samuel Listens To God's Voice” Graphics

Power Verse (NO Video)

- Power Verse Graphic

Call To Action

- “Listen & Obey” Graphics
- Parking Cone
- Stethoscope

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Make A Mark Print Piece
- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers
- A Phone Or Small Speaker
- Objects That Make Sound
- John 10:27 Print Piece

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today, we are learning a lesson called “Listen & Obey!”

I have a question for you. What do you think is the most important voice in our lives that we should DEFINITELY listen to? *(allow responses)*

While there are many voices we can and should listen to, the most important voice in our lives is God! But does God actually speak to kids? Can a kid really hear the voice of God? In order to get the answer to this very important question, I want you to watch this video...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video”)

Leader: God really does speak to people. The Bible tells of many times God spoke to people to give them very important instructions, encouragement, and warnings. In fact, there are even several times in the Bible when God spoke directly to a kid. We are going to learn about one of those times today.

Right now, it’s time to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Wacky Wally” *(A mega-nerd who dreams of one day becoming a superhero!)*

Wally: *(Enters tiptoeing, looking around, whispering)* Shhhh... wait! Did you hear that? I think I heard...a duck sneeze. Yep. Definitely a sneezy duck somewhere in here.

Leader: Uhhh... hi there! Can I help you?

Wally: *(Stands in a superhero pose)* Yes, civilian! I am Wacky Wally, superhero extraordinaire! My power? Ultra Super-Mega-Hearing! I can hear things the average ear dares not dream of!

Leader: Well, welcome Wally! You seem like someone who's really tuned in.

Wally: Oh, absolutely! My ears are like satellite dishes! I can hear things that normal human beings can't. I once heard a banana ripen.

Leader: That's... impressive? So what brings you here?

Wally: I've heard great things about this place! I've always wanted to come to Kid's Church! There's so much to hear! Kids laughing, worship music, fruit snacks being opened very quietly... *(cups ear)* Oooh! I think I just heard a Capri Sun straw poke through the pouch!

Leader: Wow, you really are listening for everything!

Wally: Absolutely. I'm always listening.

Leader: Well, you came on a great day. Today, we're covering a very important lesson! It's all about learning how to listen to God's voice.

Wally: God's voice? WHOA! You mean like... BOOOOM! Thunder! Earthquakes! That kind of thing?

Leader: Sometimes He speaks loudly, but most of the time, it's not like that. God speaks in all kinds of ways. And get this - He even speaks to kids!

Wally: Wait... Kids? Like *these* kids?! *(Points at the kids and gasps)* I thought God only spoke through epic Bible heroes!

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: Nope! God can speak to anyone through His Word, prayer, other people, and through a quiet voice inside our hearts. In today's Bible story, we're learning about a kid who heard God speak.

Wally: This is blowing my mind! I'm always listening for everything, but I never stopped to think that maybe I should be listening for God! He might be saying something way more important than...duck sneezes.

Leader: Exactly! The most important voice we'll ever hear is God's. He loves us, and He wants to speak to us if we'll slow down and listen.

Wally: This is the greatest mission I have ever been assigned. I need to tune my ears to God's voice!

Leader: That's a great idea, Wally!

Wally: Okay, well I'm gonna go find a quiet place to pray and really listen for what God wants to say. Until next time, it's up, up, and A WACKY WALLY AWAAAYYYYYYYYYY!

(EXITS WHILE HIS THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Blow It Up!”

Items Needed For Game:

A large feather; A stopwatch

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Preparation:

Choose one boy and one girl to compete in this game.

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How To Play:

Decide which player will go first. When you say, “Go!” the player must toss the feather up in the air and attempt to keep it afloat by blowing on it over and over. They are NOT allowed to touch the feather with any part of their body after it is airborne. The moment the feather touches the floor or any part of their body, their turn is over.

Use the stopwatch to see which player can keep the feather afloat the longest.
The one with the longest time wins!



Bible Story

“Samuel Listens To God’s Voice”

Materials Needed:

The Bible Story graphic slides; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in 1 Samuel 3; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in 1 Samuel 3. It is all about a young boy named Samuel. Samuel was a boy who lived and worked in the temple for the priest Eli. (*show pic*) Can you imagine actually living in the church? How cool would that be?

Well, it wouldn’t be the same for Samuel as it might be for you today. There were no video games or bounce houses in the temple Samuel lived in. It was actually a lot of work for him as he served the priest.

One night, after a long day of working in the church, Samuel was sleeping. (*show pic*) Suddenly, he was awakened by the sound of someone calling his name. “Samuel!” He assumed it was the prophet, Eli, calling him. So Samuel got up and went to Eli’s room to ask what he wanted. Eli said, “I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.”

Samuel wasn’t sure what had happened, so he went back to sleep. A little while later, Samuel was awakened by the same thing. A voice called to him, “Samuel!” He got up and went back to Eli. Once again Eli said, “I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.” So Samuel went back to sleep. Guess what? It happened again. “Samuel!” So once again, Samuel went to Eli. This time, Eli had a thought. He knew it wasn’t him that was calling Samuel. He thought maybe it could be God. (*show pic*) He told Samuel, “It is God. If He speaks again say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’”

So Samuel went back to sleep. Sure enough, it happened again. “Samuel!” This time, Samuel sat up in bed and said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” (*show pic*) God began to tell Samuel some very important things that were about to happen. Isn’t that amazing?

Samuel had to not only listen to God’s voice, but he also had to obey. It turns out that God told him to do something that was very difficult for Samuel. Samuel knew that he needed to not only LISTEN for God’s voice, but once God spoke, he needed to OBEY.

In your lesson today, you are going to learn all about how you must listen and obey God’s voice. You must always seek to listen to God’s voice above all others. It’s not always easy, but it is always worth it!





Call To Action

“Listen & Obey”

Materials Needed:

The “Listen & Obey” graphics; parking cone; stethoscope

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Listen & Obey”



The Message: *(title slide)*

Today, we are learning to listen and obey! There are all kinds of voices that say all kinds of things to us. Some of those voices are helpful while some are not. Today, we are talking about the most important voice that all of us need to listen to. Do you remember who that is? *(allow response)* That’s right! It’s God’s voice!

Some people wonder, “With everything that God has to do as Ruler of the Universe, does He really take time to speak to people?” God took time to speak to people all throughout the Bible. He spoke to Abraham to tell him that he would be the father of many nations. He spoke to Noah to tell him to build an ark to save the world. He spoke to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus. He spoke to many people all throughout the Bible, and He still speaks to people today.

You might be wondering, “Well, I get that God spoke to people in the Bible. But does He really take the time to speak to people today?” I am glad you asked. You will not find anywhere in the Bible where it says that God STOPPED speaking to His people. God has continued to speak to His people all throughout history, and He continues to today. And one thing we definitely learned from our Bible Story is...



God Spoke To Samuel While He Was A Kid *(slide)*

God didn’t look at Samuel and say, “I don’t think I can speak to him because he just isn’t old enough. Give him a few years, and then maybe I can talk to him.” No, God didn’t say that at all. In fact, God spoke to Samuel several times. He gave Samuel an important message to deliver. God believed in Samuel and trusted that he could handle the assignment that God was giving him. Isn’t that an incredible story?

Here’s something important to understand...

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Call To Action (Continued)

God Still Speaks To Kids *(slide)*



God didn't STOP speaking to kids back in Bible times. No! In fact, He continues to speak to kids today. I know what you are probably thinking - "Well, how am I supposed to hear God's voice?" *(pick up the parking cone and hold it up to one ear)* Am I supposed to hear God speaking all the way from Heaven? *(pretend that you are listening to God speak from Heaven)* "What's that, God? You want me to do WHAT?"

Well, even though He CAN, most of the time God doesn't speak to us with a booming voice from Heaven. Maybe you've heard that God speaks in something called a "still, small voice" and you are thinking you need one of these to be able to hear Him. *(pick up the stethoscope and put it around your neck and into your ears, aiming it up to Heaven)* "What's that, God? You're going to have to speak up! It's hard to hear in here with all of these kids breathing so loudly!"

Obviously, neither of these are the best ways to hear God's voice. Most of the time, God speaks to us in our hearts - in prayer. The goal is to quiet yourself in His presence and...

Listen And Obey God's Voice *(slide)*



Much of the time, the reason you and I don't hear God speaking to us is because we are so busy going about our daily lives that we don't take time to slow down and listen to His voice. We have friends, sports, school, homework, church, family, TV, music - all kinds of things fighting for our attention. We must choose to slow down and listen for God's voice. Once He speaks, we must obey.

ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Tell the children that you are going to take time to listen to God. Turn on some soft worship music if you wish. Tell the children that they should pray and ask God to speak to them. Then, spend a few minutes being still in God's presence. Listen closely for His voice. It may not come out loud, but He will speak if we listen. Once the Lord speaks to their hearts, have the kids write down what God is telling them. It might be something specific that He has planned for them to do. If so, pray that they will obey exactly what God is speaking to them.

**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “I Will Listen & Obey God’s Voice!”

2. Whose voice is the most important for us to listen and obey?

Answer: God’s

3. True or False: God only talks to adults.

Answer: False

4. Who was the kid we learned about in today’s Bible Story?

Answer: Samuel

5. Who did Samuel think was calling his name at first?

Answer: The Priest, Eli

6. What did Eli tell Samuel to respond with if God called him again?

Answer: “Speak, Lord, For Your Servant Is Listening.”

7. According to our lesson today, “God Spoke To Samuel While He Was A _____.”

Answer: Kid

8. According to our lesson today, “God Still _____ To Kids.”

Answer: Speaks

9. According to our lesson today, “Listen And _____ God’s Voice.”

Answer: Obey

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: John 10:27