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I am Meant to Know God
Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Abram and Lot- Genesis 13

Bottom Line: I can listen to God.

Leader Context: When God made a promise to Abram, later called Abraham, he listened to God and followed what He said. (Read Genesis 13:16-18.) We are going to teach kids they can they listen to God. Listening to and following Him leads to the best life because it is the life God created us for.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Butcher Paper (1 per group), Markers, Painter's Tape, "Object Lesson Video" on Roku

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

This Bible story showed us that God actually spoke to Abram. God told Abram to take everything and everyone in his life and go to a new land. God promised to be with Abram and bless all the people on the earth through him. Abram listened to God and did what He said, and God was with Abram. It is amazing that God, the Creator of everything, would talk to us. But He does! God made us and we are meant to know Him. We are designed for a relationship with Him. We can listen to God and rely on Him, just like Abram did. Everyone, repeat after me, "I can listen to God." (*I can listen to God.*) That is right! We can listen to God and trust Him. That's always been God's plan, from the very beginning.

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

(Circle one) In the beginning, God made the entire world and everyone in it. His creation was good. He gave people instructions on how to live and follow His plan. Ask, "Why?" (Why?) God knew what people would need in order to have a relationship with Him. Because God made people and He made us, we can trust who He is, His plan, and how He made us to live. God made us to listen to Him.

(Circle two) But we are not always good listeners, are we? We all choose not to listen to God at times and try to do things our own way. This is called *sin*, which is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Our sin breaks our relationship with God. We cannot fix our sin problem no matter how hard we try. Our sin deserves punishment, and we need someone to rescue us.

(Circle three) God knew we needed to be rescued, and He wanted to repair our broken relationship with Him. So God sent Jesus, His only Son, to die on a cross to take the punishment our sin deserved. Three days after dying on the cross, Jesus came back to life, showing everyone that He is more powerful than sin and death. When we admit our sin, ask Jesus to forgive us, and commit to listening to and following Him, we can have a forever relationship with God.

(Circle four) Jesus helps us discover and follow God's plan for our lives, which is to know Him. Say, "I am meant to know God!" (*I am meant to know God!*) We can know God, like Abram did. Abram listened and trusted God. If you have questions or want to know more about trusting and following Jesus, talk with me or your Campus Leader.

We can learn about who God is and what He is like by reading the Bible. As we know God more, we learn that He's always trustworthy and true. It can be challenging to know who to listen to. We have people all around us, saying different things, and we can wonder who we should listen to. Even with all the noise, we can know, for sure, that God will always lead us in the right way. We can trust God and what He says, like Abram did. Jesus was actually born through Abram's family. Because of Jesus, we can have a relationship with God. We can listen to God and trust His good plan for our lives. Say, **"I can listen to God!" (I can listen to God!)**

We see in the Bible that God spoke to Abram. God promised to give Abram land and make his descendants as numerous as the stars. Abram had to do something difficult by leaving his nephew, Lot. But God was with Abram and did not leave him. We can listen to God and trust what He says, like Abram did. Say, "I can listen to God!" (I can listen to God!) God made us to have relationship with Him where we trust Him and listen to Him. Everyone, repeat after me, "I am meant to know God!" (I am meant to know God!) We pray by talking and listening to God. Let's talk to Him right now in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for giving us the Bible, which is Your true message to us about Yourself. Thank You that we can listen to what You say in the Bible, what You say to us in prayer, and what You say to us through the wise words of other people who know and follow You. In our very noisy world, help us listen to and follow You. Amen.

Are You Listening? — Game

Big Goal: Learn that we can listen to God's instructions and directions.

Leader Prep: Make a starting line and finish line with masking or painter's tape.

Supplies: Masking or painter's tape (1 per group)

What To Do: We are going to play a game that tests your listening skills. Look at a friend and ask, "Are you listening?" (*Are you listening?*) You will stand on the starting line, and I will say a command using my name and an action. If I say my name along with the action, then you will perform the action. If you listen and perform the action correctly, you will take one step forward. If I say a command *without* using my name first and you perform the action, then you will take one step back. For example, I will say, "___ says, hop on one foot." You will want to hop on one foot. But if I just say, "Hop on one foot," you will want to stay still. The first person to make it to the finish line wins.

Command 1: ___ (*insert your name*) says, "Touch your ear."

Command 2: Clap your hands once.

Command 3: ___ says, "Put your hands on your shoulders."

Command 4: ___ says, "Jump up and down five times."

Command 5: ___ says, "Pat your head."

Command 6: ___ says, "Hop on one foot."

Command 7: Touch your nose.

Command 8: ___ says, "Sit on the floor."

Command 9: Roar like a lion.

Command 10: ___ says, "Squat three times."

Command 11: ___ says, "Waddle like a penguin in place."

Command 12: Touch your elbow to your nose.

Command 13: ___ says, "Pat your head, and rub your belly."

Command 14: ___ says, "Balance on one foot."

Keep It Going: Speed up the commands, instructing kids to do two actions, such as touching their heads and touching their stomachs. Take turns inviting different kids to lead.

Loud And Clear: Everyone had to focus and listen carefully to my instructions. I gave lots of commands, and you had to pay attention to what was right. Just like you listened to my commands, you can listen to God. Say, **"I can listen to God!" (*I can listen to God!*)** We can trust God and know that He has good plans for our lives. We can know God and have a relationship with Him.

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

Discussion Questions:

- What happens when you listen to and follow people with wise and good plans? What happens when you listen to and follow people with wrong, or unwise, plans? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us we can listen to God. Let's open our Bibles to **Genesis 13:14-15** and read about how God spoke to Abram. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* Abram listened to God's instruction for his life and trusted where God led him. What can we learn from Abram's example? *(Allow responses.)*
- God loves us so much; He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin so we could have a relationship with Him. How can remembering this help when you are tempted to listen to other people instead of God? *(God gave His Son so we could have a relationship with Him. Such a loving action means that we can trust and follow Him.)*
- In our world where so many people have so many different things to say, how can this true message from the Bible story today help us know who to listen to? *(Abram learned God could be trusted, and we can know the same truth. Abram listened to God and trusted Him, and we can too. When God makes promises, we can trust and count on the truth that He keeps His promises.)*
- The Bible tells us to listen to God. We can trust Him and His Word. As we learn about God through the Bible, we know who He is, and what He's like—meaning God's character. Knowing His character helps us listen to and trust Him more. We were meant to know God and have a relationship with Him. What is something encouraging you will remember from today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*

Abram knew God and listened to Him, following what God said. God sent Jesus so we could have a relationship with God. When we trust and follow Him, we can listen to God and know that He will always lead us in the best way.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.