



**Sept 10**

## **God Hears Me Kindergarten - 5th grade**

### **Leader Notes**

**Bible Passage:** God Heard the Israelites (Exodus 3-4)

**Bottom Line:** God knows me and He hears me what I talk to Him.

**Leader Context:** We are known by God, and God hears us. God heard Moses and the Israelites in Exodus 2-4, and He always hears us too. Kids may be feeling alone or wondering if anyone is listening to them. We get to help them see that God hears us when we ask for His help. He knows our struggles and the things that are important to us. Just like God hear the people of Israel and sent Moses, God knows that we need a Savior, so He sent Jesus.

**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

#### **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)**

**Say This!** I love opening the Bible and discovering more about God.

You are known by God, and He hears you. When you pray and call out His name, God is listening because you are special to Him. God is a personal God. What is personal? That is a great question. Personal means that God didn't just create us and then forget about us. God doesn't yell a bunch of rules down from heaven when He is bored. God wants to have a relationship with us because He loves us. When we talk to God, He listens.

What about the Israelites? They prayed for a very long time before God answered them. Was God listening even when He didn't answer right away? Yes, God always hears us when we pray. Wait! Always? God always hears us when we talk to Him, but like the Israelites, He may not do things like we would plan or in the time we think He should do them.

It is sometimes hard when we talk to God and don't immediately see Him act. But I have some great news for you. The Bible tells us that God knows us and hears us, always. No matter what is happening in our lives, we can talk to the God who knows everything about us and loves us. And we can trust that God hears us and answers us at just the right time. That is great news.

The Israelites needed God's help because they were suffering. God heard their prayer and sent Moses to deliver them. Did you know that we need God too? God wants to have a relationship with us, but because we sin and disobey God, that relationship is broken, and we can't fix it on our own. When God sent Jesus to earth, at just the right time, He made it possible for us to have a relationship with Him. I would love to talk more about this if you have questions.

Sept 10 K-5 Small Group

**Talk to God Journal(20 minutes)**

**What You Need:** mini books (1 per kid), stickers, markers, crayons, Journal stickers (1 set per kid)

**What You Do:**

We can talk to God anytime! One fun way to this is by writing down what we tell God. Each of you will get a mini book. Write your name on the front.

Then on the first page place the first sticker from your sticker sheet. Each page will get a sticker.

After you place the stickers in the book, go back and fill in some of the answers or draw pictures to answer the question

- What good thing can you thank God for?
- Do you have family or friends that need prayer or to know God? Write their name.
- What kind of things do you want to trust God with more?
- Are there some feelings that you need to express to God, what are they and how can He help you manage those feelings?

**Say:** We can pray or talk to God about anything. We can tell Him about our day, the good and the bad things. It can be fun to write down the things that we pray for because we can see how God has answered our prayers. Like the people of Israel, He may not answer our request how we expect or in the time we think it should be, but we can trust that God always hears us, and He always answers.

Now let's spend a little extra time talking some more and getting to know each other better. You can take your book home and use those questions to help prompt you to pray throughout the week.

**Discussion Questions:**

- Who is the person you talk to the most? What kinds of things do you talk about?
- The more you talk and listen to someone, the more you know them and know about them. What are some different things we can use to talk to people? *Phones, computers, text message, video call, writing a letter*
- An amazing thing about God is that we can talk to Him anytime and anywhere. We don't need to be loud or need any special equipment. We can talk to Him and always know that He's listening to us. What are some different things we can talk to God about? *We can ask Him for help, we can thank Him for things, we can ask Him questions, we can tell Him how we are feeling.*
- The Bible tells us we are known by God, and He hears us. Let's open our Bibles to Exodus :31 and read about it together. *Read the passage out loud or ask a kid to read it. Help them find the passage so everyone can follow along together.* What do you think that passage is telling us?
- God always hears us, but He doesn't always respond the way we think He will or even that we want Him to. That passage we read said that the Israelites were glad to know that God heard them, so they worshiped Him. What are some different ways people can worship God? *Remind kids the music is only one way we worship. What are others?*
- God hears us when we ask for help. He sent His Son, Jesus because He knew we needed help since we make wrong choices. Does anyone have any questions or anything they want to share?
- Sometimes we can feel alone or like no one is listening to us. How does the truth that God hears us change that?
- The Bible tells us that God knows us and He hears us. God can zoom in on what we are thinking and feeling because He knows us inside and out.

**Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.**

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.