

EVERYDAY DISCIPLE

Impact Kids Fall 2026 Older IK Leader Guide

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

September 2, 2026- Disciples know God's voice

Bible- 1 Samuel 3 God Speaks to Samuel

Disciples know God and show Him to others.

Leader QR Codes-



ASK Leader



Leader Devos



Like It Counts

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:00 PM (Prayer)

Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM

4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM

K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM

4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM

** PL and LT groups will follow 4th & 5th schedule

*** PreK groups outside play is decided at campus

Family Table

What to Do:

As you gather everyone to eat, discuss these questions together. If one question takes the whole time, that is great. Your group has a great dynamic and feels comfortable talking to you and the group. Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, collect trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share new things or old things they are learning.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- **For fun:** If you had a pet goose, what would you name it?
- **This week:** How can a kid do fun stuff and grow closer to God at the same time?

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Social Game

Supplies: Bibles

Today we're going to learn that God speaks, so we listen for him! We hear noises all the time without even thinking about it. Let's think about sounds we'd enjoy hearing.

Share

- Tell kids what sound you'd want to play on a sound machine to help you sleep.
- Have kids form pairs. Ask kids to share what sound they'd want to play on a sound machine to help them sleep.
- After partners have discussed, ask two or three kids to share with the whole group what they talked about with their partners.

Summarize

Open a Bible to 1 Samuel 3, and say: We talked about sounds that would help us sleep. In the Bible, a boy named Samuel heard a sound while he was already sleeping. It was God! One way God speaks to us today is through the Bible. He's ready to talk to you right now. Let's pray and listen. Pray, praising God for speaking to us.

Video & Bible

Say: Today we're learning that God speaks, so we listen for him.

Ask: • What are some ways God speaks?

Say: Let's listen to this video. Think about ways you have heard God or know He speaks to you.

Watch "God Speaks to Samuel"

Ask: • How did you hear God as you watched this video?

Say: God speaks through all kinds of normal, everyday things. He spoke to Samuel while he was sleeping! Samuel didn't think it was God at first, but soon he learned to listen for God's voice. God speaks, so listen!

What to Do: Pass out Activity Pages and Bibles to each kid with a pencil.

SAY:

- Today we're reading from 1 Samuel 3:1-10. (Pg 322) Let's find it together in our Bibles.
- 1 Samuel is in the Old Testament, the part of the Bible that tells about God's people before Jesus came. It is one of the Bible's history books. Circle Old Testament on your worksheet.
- To find it, start at the front of your Bible and flip toward the back. Look for 1 Samuel, then find the big number 3 (chapter 3).
- Next, find the small numbers 1-10 (verses 1-10). If you find it first, help someone nearby.
- Once everyone is there, take turns reading the verses aloud together and listen for what God teaches us through Samuel's story. Disciples are set apart by knowing God's voice, following His ways, and helping others see Him through their words and actions.

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Discussion

Let's spend a few minutes processing what we have learned from the Bible today.

- What is a distraction?
- How do distractions make it hard to spend time with God?
- Which distractions make it hard for you to spend time with God?
- What are some fun things you can do to focus on God?
- Who always loves you, wants to spend time with you, and will help you get rid of distractions?

Practice

Listen to God- Focused Prayer

Say: God speaks, so we listen for him. Let's pause and listen right now.

- Play instrumental music.
- Tell kids to silently ask God to speak to them about their families. Then pause for about a minute for kids to listen.
- Tell kids to silently ask God to show them a picture about school. Then pause for about a minute for kids to listen.
- Tell kids to silently ask God to give them one word about how he views them. Then pause for about a minute for kids to listen.
- Turn off the music, and have kids form pairs and share what God revealed to them.

Wrap Up

Pray: God, thank you that you speak to us! Remind us to pause and listen for you this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.

Family Discipleship

What to Do: Your handout today is designed to help you remember what we learned. Take it home and share it with a family member, then ask them to go through it with you. We also want to hear how the other challenges are going. What are you learning? How is God helping you grow? Be ready to share your experiences with the group!

Leader Tip: Encourage families to look at the kid's work as they show up to pick up their kids.