

EVERYDAY DISCIPLE

Impact Kids Fall 2026 Younger 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: None

SAY: The Bible says that God speaks. He talks to us in many different ways. Today we'll hear a story about how God talked to a boy named Samuel. Samuel was sleeping and heard a sound. It sounded like his teacher was calling him, but it was really God. Let's start our lesson by talking about sounds we hear.

Share

- Share about a sound you like. Maybe you love the sound of the ocean or a thunderstorm. Maybe it makes you happy to hear the voice of your grandmother or a friend who lives far away. Or maybe you like to hear the sound of your cat purring.
- Have kids share about a sound they like to hear.

Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: The boy we'll read about in the Bible today heard a surprising sound in the night. He heard God's voice. God talked to him, and God speaks to us, too. When we listen to our friend God, we find out we're loved by him, he wants to take care of us, and he wants the very best for us. Let's listen to God as we read from the Bible today.

Pray, thanking God for speaking to us.

Video & Pray

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!

Say: Now let's spend time thinking about God and welcoming God into our thoughts. And if your thoughts start to wander? Simply talk with God about whatever you're thinking. Ask him if there's something he wants to tell you about that. We'll have two minutes of quiet, then I'll pray aloud. Set a timer for two minutes, or simply estimate two minutes by counting silently in your head. When time is up, close with this prayer.

Pray: Dear God, may we always remember that you are with us and that you speak to us. Thanks for thinking with us and spending time with us today. We love you. Amen.

Say: God speaks. So let's always remember to listen for him!

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Activity

I Say, You Do

Supplies: paper, marker

Play a Game Like Simon Says

Say: In our Bible story, Samuel listened to his teacher, Eli, and did what he said. Let's play a game where you'll listen and do what your leader wants you to do!

- Have kids stand in front of you.
- Give kids instructions, but communicate the tasks in different ways. Ideas include the following:

Tell them to jump up and down.

Whisper to sit on the ground.

Sing the first line of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and pretend to paddle.

Put your hands on your head, and motion for them to do the same.

Whisper "Tell your friends to bark like a dog" to one child, and then have the child tell the instructions to the whole group.

Draw a smiley face to tell kids to smile.

Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It," and have kids clap.

Tell kids to give a friend a high-five.

Pat your knees and motion for kids to join you.

Whisper "Tell your friends to quack like a duck" to one child, and have the child share the instructions with the whole group.

Draw a sad face to tell kids to frown.

- Play for several minutes, mixing up different instructions and communication methods. The faster and sillier, the better! End by using your voice to tell everyone to sit in a knee-to-knee circle.

Talk About It

Say: In our game, I spoke in different ways. Sometimes I talked with my voice, and other times I showed you what to do or gave you a message through someone else. God speaks like that, too. We might not always hear God's voice like Samuel did, but God talks to us through songs, through words in our Bibles, and through other people, too! No matter how God speaks, we can listen for him and do what he says.

Color Page

What to Do: Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. **Say:** Disciples know God's voice. Allow time for kids to color.

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