

COLLIDE | W2

COLLIDE — September (Week Two)

9:15AM Service

9:25 - 9:40 AM: Arrival and Game Time

- Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

9:40 - 9:45 AM: Worship

- Dedicated to worship time.

9:45 - 10:05 AM: Bible Story

- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

10: 05ish - 10:25 AM: Small Group Time

- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

10:25 AM: Dismissal

11:00AM Service

11:10 - 11:25 AM: Arrival and Game Time

Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

11:25 - 11:30 AM: Worship

- Dedicated to worship time.

11:30 - 11:50 AM: Bible Story

- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

11:50ish - 12:10 PM: Small Group Time

- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

12:10 PM: Dismissal



Bible Story

How to Hear from God • John 10:2-4, 14-16;
Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 1:19-20

Conversation Starter

What does it look like to hear from God?

Bottom Line

I can hear from God.

Memory Verse

My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. • John 10:27 NIV

Large Group Opener

Large Group Game | Not So Loud and Clear!

What You Need

No supplies needed

LARGE GROUP

Optional Video: Countdown

Optional Video: Theme Loop

OPENER

HOST: "What is going on, everyone?! Welcome to COLLIDE! If this is your first time with us, I'm so pumped you're here! For all my friends who have been here before, I'm also so pumped that you're here too.

"This whole month, we're going to be talking about something amazing. Our series is called: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.' All month long, we are going to learn about ways we can hear from God!

"Can anyone tell me what *frequency* means?

(Take a couple answers from the kids.)

"The term *frequency*, as the dictionary people define it, is 'the rate at which a vibration occurs that constitutes a wave, either in material (as in sound waves), or in an electromagnetic field (as in radio waves and light), usually measured per second' ... Well, that's kind of confusing! But I think there's something to pay attention to there—frequency is a sound wave that we can catch hold of. When we hear things, we are hearing certain frequencies.

"This month, we're going to be talking about hearing from God. God is always communicating with us; His frequency is always going out into the world, and we can hear from Him! Sometimes, it's hard to hear, though, right?

"Sometimes there's a lot of noise, or something blocking our ability to hear, which reminds me of a game that we're about to play called: 'Not So Loud and Clear!'

GAME SLIDE 1: Not So Loud and Clear! Title

"Here's how this game is going to work. I'm going to pick one of you and you're going to come stand up here with me and face our friends. Then, a word is going to pop up on the screen, and our friends are going to tell you that word, and you have to relay it back to all of us. Easy, right?

(If you have a confidence monitor that displays the slides in the back of the room, be sure to either turn it off, or remove the slides from the monitor.)

"I do have a little twist for you—you will put these earplugs in, wear this beanie, and make sure it's pulled over your ears, and finally, we have some headphones to go over both of those things. We're going to make things, well, not so loud and clear!

"You are going to have just ten seconds to guess what the word is. When the time is up, you'll tell us what you think it is!

"But listen! The person guessing needs your help *(point to the crowd)*. They can't do it alone! So, when you see the word on the screen, you gotta tell them what it is!

"Now, who is going to be our first volunteer?! Raise your hand if you want to play!

(Select a kid from the ones who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and put on one set of foam earplugs, the headphones, and the beanie.)

"Alright, our volunteer is all set. Can you hear me, volunteer?? I don't think they can. Let's put up our first word to see if they can guess!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

GAME SLIDE 2: (Coffee)

(Crowd yells out the word, Host helps out with mouthing it out. Use the timer, smartphone, watch, or countdown to allow 10 seconds for the volunteers to guess.)

"Annnddd, they got it! It is coffee!! Great job! Let's get a new volunteer up and ready!

(Play 5 more rounds, selecting new volunteers with each round. In between rounds, go back to the game title slide—Game Slide 1—so none of the future answer slides are given away while the new volunteer is walking up to the stage. Game Slides 3-11 to use for more rounds are below. You can choose any you want to be displayed.)

GAME SLIDE 3: (Water)

GAME SLIDE 4: (Avocado)

GAME SLIDE 5: (Bear)

GAME SLIDE 6: (Communication)

GAME SLIDE 7: (Misunderstanding)

GAME SLIDE 8: (Green)

GAME SLIDE 9: (Tooth)

GAME SLIDE 10: (Onomatopoeia)

GAME SLIDE 11: (Cheese)

"Great job, everyone! Which words were the hardest?"

(Take a couple answers from the kids.)

"I think *most of them* was pretty tough! There was something blocking our players from getting the right frequency and understanding the words. They couldn't really hear all that well!"

"Today, we are going to learn about how we can hear from God. It's going to be great!"

"That reminds me of our Bottom Line for today!"

[Bottom Line] "I can hear from God."

"Alright, now can everyone say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: [Bottom Line] "I can hear from God."

HOST: "Everyone, high-five someone else and say: 'You can hear from God!' *(Pause as the kids do.)*"

"I love our Bottom Line today, and I'm so excited to learn with you guys about hearing from God!"

Let's go ahead and worship together.

Worship

WORSHIP

HOST: "I'm so excited that we get to worship together and grow closer to Jesus, because that's one of the awesome things that happens in worship!"

"We get the chance to worship God with our voices—by actually telling Him how we feel about Him, or singing His praise. God loves to hear us singing to Him! So my encouragement to you today is to sing, don't just stare at the screen. We have a chance to interact with the God of the universe—let's take it!"

"So as we sing, think about one area of your life where you need to put Jesus back at the center. Maybe it is your attitude, your friendships, your schedule, your worries, or your decisions.

"Let's keep worshiping and make this song our prayer.

VIDEO: "(Lyric Video)"

"Great worshiping! No matter where we are or what is happening, we can trust that God is always with us.

Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!"

VIDEO: Bible Story W2

After Bible Story

AFTER BIBLE STORY

HOST: "Here are some ways you can start listening for God this week. "Take a few minutes to be quiet and still. Turn off the noise, put distractions away, and just sit with God. Talk to Him, then slow your mind and give Him space. Listening to God often starts in quiet moments. "Spend time in God's Word every day. Read a few verses or listen to the Bible, and think about what it says. The more you learn who God is, the easier it becomes to recognize His voice in your life.

"If you think God might be saying something to you, don't keep it to yourself. Talk with a trusted grown-up who loves God. They can help you understand and grow in what you are hearing.

"Find a place where things feel a little quieter, like outside. Go for a walk, look around, and notice what God has made. Sometimes stepping away from the noise helps you pay attention in a new way.

"Listening to God is something you can practice. The more you spend time with Him, the more you'll recognize His voice. He is speaking!"

HOST: "Today we looked lots of different passages in the Bible, but they all taught us one key thing: God wants to speak to us! God loves you very much, and as His friend, He wants to speak to you! That reminds me of our Bottom Line for today. Let me share it with you:

[Bottom Line] "I can hear from God."

"Let me hear all of us say it together!"

HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can hear from God."

HOST: "Awesome! With that in mind, here's the question I want you to really consider this week:

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

[Conversation Starter] "What does it look like to hear from God?"

"There are lots of different ways that God speaks. But what does it look like for us to hear how He is speaking? What are some things that might prevent us from listening to His voice?"

"When we talk through these things, I think we can get an even clearer picture on what it looks like to hear from God. So, let's think through that, and then we'll unpack that more in your small group. What does it look like to hear from God?"

PRAYER

HOST: "Before we finish, I want us to take a moment to be still. Bow your head, close our eyes, and ask: 'God, what do You want to say to me?'

(Take a moment to be still and listen.)

"If you didn't hear anything, that's okay! You are practicing listening, and that is a beautiful thing.

"If you did hear something, if you need to, feel free to talk to Him more about what He said later. One of the beautiful things about being known by Jesus, is that He will speak to you exactly what you need to hear in that moment, and also in the way that gets your heart's attention.

"You can also run it by someone you trust who follows Jesus. He may have put them in your life to help you learn to listen! We are all on the same journey of getting to know Him better.

"Let's close our time together in prayer, talking to the One who speaks to us in so many ways!"

"Dear God, thank You that You want us to hear from You. Thank You that You are speaking to us all the time. We confess that there are moments when we may not be listening for You. Please be bigger than our distractions and the things that get in the way of us hearing Your voice. We want to hear from You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Small Group Activity

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Need

	Bible	1
	- "Sheep Fun Facts" Activity Page	1
	"Four Frequencies Matching Game Cards: Pictures" Activity Page	1
	"Four Frequencies Matching Game Cards: Scenarios" Activity Page	1

SMALL GROUP

The **BLESSED** lifestyle

Begin with prayer

Take a few minutes to pray with your small group

We want to encourage the kids to start with prayer.

Lead them by praying for the group.

Ask if there are any prayer requests.

To make them more comfortable you can start praying then ask if anyone would like to pray after you.

You can also use the **Bottom line** or monthly theme as key prayer points.

Bible Story Extension

Made to Reflect

What To Do:

- Show the kids the sheep on the "Sheep Fun Facts" Activity Page.
- Say, "In today's Bible Story, we heard about how Jesus says His followers are like sheep. Let's look at this sheep in the picture. What do you notice about a sheep's ears?" (*Allow kids to share.*)
- Share with the kids some facts about a sheep's ears and hearing from the back side of the "Sheep Fun Facts."
- Open the Bible to John 10:4b NIV and read.
- Say, "This passage is talking about a shepherd and says, '... he goes on ahead of them. His sheep follow him because they know his voice.' It's so important for sheep to follow their shepherd. He knows exactly where to take them to find food, how to help them avoid danger, how to keep them from getting lost, and how to protect them. Jesus is saying that simply listening to His voice and following Him is the job of His followers."
- Take the following cards from the "Four Frequencies Matching Game" set, and lay them in front of the group: "Heart," "Bible," "People," "The World."
- Say, "In today's Bible Story, we learned that when we take time to listen, we can hear God in four ways: through our hearts, the Bible, people, and creation.
- (*Point to the "Heart" card.*) Say, "This doesn't mean the heart in our body. This refers to the part deep inside us that senses words or images God wants to show us."
- (*Point to the "Bible" card.*) Say, "God speaks to us through His Word—the Bible! In it, He gives instructions, wisdom, and inspiration for us to follow Him."
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(Point to the "People" card.) Say, "God uses people who follow Him to help us understand His words and to speak to us, such as leaders in church, your parents, or other trusted adults in your life."

- (Point to the "The World" card.) Say, "The Bible says that God shows Himself through what He has created. The sky, oceans, land, and animals all tell of God's creativity and power."
- Say, "We're going to play a matching game to explore some scenarios of God speaking in our daily lives."
- Mix up the sixteen cards from the "Four Frequencies Matching Game" Activity Page, and lay them face down in a 4×4 grid.
- Have kids take turns turning over cards to match a scenario with a way God speaks. Go around the group until all the "Scenarios" cards are matched with the "Pictures" cards.

"Nice work! It's important to know that God is speaking to us in so many different ways and that you and **[Bottom Line] I can hear from God.**

"You may have to get quiet sometimes to hear Him by shutting out the noise and busyness of the world. You can also read or listen to God's Word every day, then think about what He's teaching you through it. No matter what, you can trust that God wants to speak to you and that He will speak to you through words and images in your heart, through the Bible, through others who love Him, and through the amazing things He has made."

Discussion Questions

DISCUSSION

Ask these questions and discuss:

- Why is it important to hear from God?
- What distractions or “noises” make hearing God challenging?
- **[Conversation Starter] What does it look like to hear from God?**

What You Say:

John 10:3 NIV. Does the verse say it's the sheep's job to listen or to hear?

Why is this important to know?

What has God given us to be able to hear Him?

Supplies

Creating a Safe Place to Connect		Quantity
1.	Bible	1
2.	- "Sheep Fun Facts" Activity Page	1
3.	"Four Frequencies Matching Game Cards: Pictures" Activity Page	1
4.	"Four Frequencies Matching Game Cards: Scenarios" Activity Page	1