

# WSC\_SG K1 | W2

## Today's Suggested Schedule

**Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10**

### Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

### Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Activity One

Activity Two

### Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



### Bible Story

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

### 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

# Greeting & Prayer

5 min

## Activity One

5 min

### K1 - Right or Left | Made to Play

#### What You Need

|                                                                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
|  Bible | 1 |
|  Heart | 1 |

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

#### Creating a Safe Place to Connect

#### What You Do:

##### During the Activity

##### 1. Read the Bible

- Open the Bible to **John 10:2-4, 14, and 27.**
- Say:

"Jesus is our Good Shepherd. Just like sheep learn to recognize their shepherd's voice, we can learn to recognize God's voice too."

##### 2. Have the Kids Sit in a Circle

- Invite everyone to sit in a circle.
- Give one child the heart.

##### 3. Explain the Game

- Say:

"We're going to pass this heart around the circle while I tell a story. Listen carefully!

- When you hear me say **RIGHT**, stop and pass the heart one person to your RIGHT.
- When you hear me say **LEFT**, stop and pass the heart one person to your LEFT.

Then keep passing when I continue the story."

##### 4. Read the Story

- Read slowly and pause whenever you say **RIGHT** or **LEFT**.

*"Every day, we hear lots of different voices telling us what is RIGHT and what we should do. Sometimes we might feel confused or LEFT wondering what choice to make.*

*Jesus tells us that His sheep know His voice and follow Him. We can learn to recognize God's voice too.*

*One important way God speaks to us is through the **Bible**. The Bible teaches us what is RIGHT and reminds us that God has never LEFT us alone.*

*God can also use **people who love and follow Him**, like parents, pastors, and trusted leaders, to help us make the RIGHT choices.*

*We can also learn about God through the **world He created**. Everything around us reminds us of how powerful and good God is.*

*Learning to hear God takes practice. When you spend time reading the Bible, praying, and listening to God, you will get better at recognizing His voice and knowing the RIGHT way to go."*

### 5. Finish with a Listening Moment

- Ask everyone to become very quiet for a few seconds.
- Say:

"What can you hear when everything gets quiet?"

After a few seconds, say:

"Our world can be very noisy. Sometimes we need to slow down and listen. God wants to speak to us, and the more we know Him, the more we learn to recognize His voice."

### Bottom Line

**The more you know God, the more you recognize His voice.**

#### What You Say:

"Wow, that was a lot of moving back and forth around the circle! You had to listen super carefully for the words 'right' and 'left.' The words we read in the Bible that Jesus said teach us that we also need to listen carefully, but for God's voice.

"And then we practiced listening in a story I told! Just like in our story, the world is full of other voices that can be distracting—friends, TV, games. It can be hard to sort out what is the right thing to do or which way God wants us to go. But the good news is that God wants to speak to you. He helps us hear Him through the Bible, through people who love Him, and through the amazing world He made. When we practice listening for Him, He helps us know the right way to go. Remember, **[Bottom Line]** I can hear from God."

***[Make It Personal] (Share a kid-appropriate time when you heard from God. You can share something like: "I remember one time when I wasn't sure if I should share a new toy with my younger sibling. I really didn't want to! But then, I remembered that God wants me to share, and I felt this feeling inside of me. It felt like God was reminding me what the right thing to do was. So I shared, and we ended up having a lot of fun playing together.")***

5 min

# Activity Two

5 min

## K1 - Create What You Hear | Made to Create

### What You Need

|                                                                                 |             |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
|  | Bible       | 1       |
|  | Cardstock   | Several |
|  | Wikki Stix® | Several |

### Creating a Safe Place to Connect

#### What You Do:

##### During the Activity:

- Give each kid a piece of cardstock and a few Wikki Stix®.
- Explain that God speaks to us when we read the Bible. Tell them you are going to read some words from the Bible, and you want them to use their Wikki Stix® to create a picture of whatever they imagine while they listen.
- Emphasize that there is no right or wrong answer; it's about what the words make them think of.
- Slowly read John 10:2-4 NIV: *"The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him. The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own sheep, he goes on ahead of them. His sheep follow him because they know his voice."*
- Give them several minutes to bend and shape their Wikki Stix®.
- When they're done, invite them to share their creations with the group.
- Slowly read Joshua 1:9 NIV: *"Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go."*
- Slowly read John 3:16-17 NIV: *"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him."*
- Slowly read Matthew 22:37-38 NIV: *Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind." This is the first and most important commandment."*
- Give them several minutes to bend and shape their Wikki Stix®.
- When they're done, invite them to share their creations with the group.

#### What You Say:

"The way you created what you heard through God's Word is amazing! The Bible is one of the very best ways you and **[Bottom Line] I can hear from God.** It paints pictures in our hearts and minds and teaches us who God is and how He wants us to live.

"If you want to hear from God, take time to be quiet and still so you can hear His voice through the noise of the world around us. Ask God, 'What do You want to say to me?' and then quiet your heart to listen. You can also spend time every day reading or listening to God's Word and thinking about it so that you learn to know who God is and what His voice might say to you. If you think God might be saying something to you, talk with a trusted grown-up who loves God. Take a walk outside in nature, and ask God to speak to you through all that He has created."

# Prayer

**Prayer:**

"God, thank You for caring so much about us that You want to talk to us. Help us to hear You over the noises and distractions of life. Teach us how to listen to You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

# Supplies

## K1 - Right or Left | Made to Play

### Quantity

|    |       |   |
|----|-------|---|
| 1. | Bible | 1 |
| 2. | Heart | 1 |

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| 3. | Wikki Stix® | Several |