

NVC SG G23 | 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

What You Do

What You Need

No supplies needed

- 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.

5 min

Activity One

5 min

23 - Four Corners | Made to Move

What You Need

	Bible	1
	"Four Corners" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	Several
	Scissors	1
	Tape	1



EveryChild tips

- Have kids move with a buddy.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Four Corners" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Designate four areas of your space (could be four corners of the room, four walls, or four sides of a table).
- Place one of the "Four Corners" cutouts in each corner.

During the Activity:

- Open the Bible to John 10. Read verses 2-4, 14, and 27.
- Say something like:
- Jesus is our good shepherd who leads us.
- God speaks to us in lots of ways, but you can know it is Him because you know His voice!
- Have kids stand in the middle of your group space.
- Say: "Let's play a game to learn some of the ways God speaks to us. When we belong to Jesus, we can learn to recognize His voice—just like sheep recognize their shepherd. God wants to speak to you!"
- Say: "Each corner of the room is a different way God speaks. I'll read a situation, then you move to the corner that shows how God might speak in that situation."
- Point to each corner, and read the name of each one out loud.
- Point to the first corner and say: "God speaks directly to your heart."
- Point to the second corner and say: "God speaks through the Bible."
- Point to the third corner and say: "God speaks through other people."
- Point to the fourth corner and say: "God speaks through the world He made."
- Point to the names of each corner and say them out loud again, but this time, have the kids repeat each one after you.
- **Round 1**
- Say: "Here's the first situation. You feel something inside that you should be kind to a kid who is sitting alone at lunch. Which way is God speaking?"
- Invite kids to move to a corner. Once they move, share the correct answer. (*directly to your heart*)
- Say: "Sometimes God puts something on your heart. This doesn't usually sound like a voice you hear with your ears. It's more like a thought or a feeling that helps you choose what is right, kind, and true. If it matches what God says in the Bible, that's a good way to know it could be God speaking to your heart! Let's remember our Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] I can hear from God.**"
- **Round 2**
- Say: "Here's the second situation. You read in the Bible that God wants us to forgive others. Which way is God speaking?"
- Invite kids to move to a corner. Once they move, share the correct answer. (*through the Bible*)

- Say: "That's right! God speaks to us through the Bible. The Bible shows us who God is and how He wants us to live. When we read the Bible, we're learning what God is like, and that can help us learn to recognize His voice even better. Let's say our Bottom Line again: **[Bottom Line] I can hear from God.**"
- **Round 3**
- Say: "Here's the next situation. A parent, teacher, or friend who follows God reminds you to tell the truth. Which way is God speaking?"
- Invite kids to move to a corner. Once they move, share the correct answer. *(through other people)*
- Say: "God can use people in our lives who also follow God to help us know what God wants us to do in a situation. That might look like a parent reminding you to tell the truth, a teacher helping you make a better choice, or a friend encouraging you to do what's right. Let's say our Bottom Line again: **[Bottom Line] I can hear from God.**"
- **Round 4**
- Say: "Here's the last one! You see a beautiful sunset and remember that God made everything. Which way is God speaking?"
- Invite kids to move to a corner. Once they move, share the correct answer. *(through the world He made)*
- Say: "When we look at what God made, it can remind us who He is. Like when you see a huge sky, a sunset, animals, or stars, and you think, 'Wow, God made all of this!' God can even speak through what He made. Remember, you and **[Bottom Line] I can hear from God.**"
- Have kids go and sit where you want to share the "What You Say" section.

What You Say:

"God speaks in many ways—directly to your heart, through the Bible, through other people who also follow Him, and through what He has made. Remember: Learning to hear God's voice takes practice. The closer you get to Him—through listening, reading the Bible, and paying attention—the easier it becomes to recognize when He is speaking. God isn't far away or silent—He wants you to hear Him because He loves you!

"And here's something important to remember: God isn't trying to hide His voice from you. He wants to guide you! The more you learn what He is like—especially through the Bible—the easier it becomes to recognize when He's speaking. Let's say our Bottom Line together: **[Bottom Line] I can hear from God!**"

5 min

Activity Two

5 min

23 - Ways God Speaks | Made to Create

What You Need

	"Ways God Speaks" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	Several
	Drawing supplies	Several



EveryChild tips

- Encourage kids to work in pairs and support one another.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Ways God Speaks" on cardstock, one per kid and leader.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a "Ways God Speaks" Activity Page and something to draw with.
- Say: "In our Bible Story, we learned that God speaks to us in different ways. We're going to think about each one and draw or write an example."
- Hold up your copy of the "Ways God Speaks" Activity Page, and point to the first box.

• **Box 1: God Speaks Directly to Your Heart**

- Say: "Sometimes, God speaks directly to your heart. That might feel like a thought to be kind, tell the truth, help someone, or say you're sorry—especially when it feels hard to do. Draw or write a time when God might speak to your heart."
- Give examples if needed:
 - Helping a friend
 - Telling the truth
 - Sharing
 - Including someone
- Allow drawing time.
- Say: "God can speak right to your heart in so many moments throughout your day."

• **Box 2: God Speaks through the Bible**

- Point to the second box.
- Say: "God also speaks through the Bible. When we read the Bible, we learn what God is like and what He wants us to know. Draw or write something you might learn from the Bible."
- Give examples if needed:
 - Love others.
 - God tells us to forgive.
 - God loves me.
 - God says that we should honor our parents.
- Allow drawing time.
- Say: "When we read the Bible, we're learning from God. You can open up His Word with a grown-up or read it on your own, and God will speak to you!"

• **Box 3: God Speaks through Other People**

- Point to the third box.
- Say: "Sometimes, God speaks through other people who also know and follow Him. He might use a parent, teacher, friend, or leader to help you know what He would want you to do. Draw or write someone who might help you hear from God."
- Give examples if needed:

- A parent reminding you to be kind
- A teacher helping you tell the truth
- A friend encouraging you
- Allow drawing time.
- Say: "Great job! God can use people in your life to speak to you in so many ways!"
- **Box 4: God Speaks through the World He Made**
- Point to the last box.
- Say: "God also speaks through the world God made. When we look at what God made, it reminds us how big and amazing He is. Draw something God made that reminds you of Him."
- Give examples if needed:
 - Animals
 - The mountains
 - The ocean
 - The sun, moon, and stars
- Allow drawing time.
- Say: "When we look at what God made, we can remember who God is. God made so many good things. He is an amazing Creator."

What You Say:

"God speaks in many ways—to your heart, through the Bible, through other people who know and follow Him, and through what He made. As you worked on your page, you were thinking about real ways God can speak to YOU! Whatever you chose to write or draw today, choose one and really pay attention to it this week. Look for moments when God might be speaking to you in that way. You don't have to figure everything out perfectly—just start by noticing! The more you notice, the more you'll begin to recognize how God is speaking to you. Now, let's say our Bottom Line together: **[Bottom Line] I can hear from God.**"

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

23 - Four Corners | Made to Move

Quantity

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| 1. | Bible | 1 |
| 2. | "Four Corners" Activity Page | 1 |
| 3. | Cardstock | Several |
| 4. | Scissors | 1 |
| 5. | Tape | 1 |

23 - Ways God Speaks | Made to Create

Quantity

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| 1. | "Ways God Speaks" Activity Page | 1 |
| 2. | Cardstock | Several |
| 3. | Drawing supplies | Several |