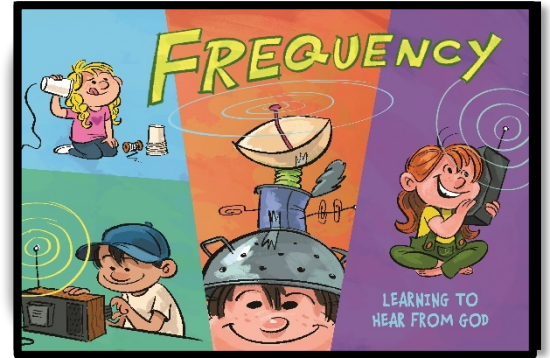


2nd & 3rd Grade

WEEK 4 - STARTER



Activity Name: Don't Touch It

What You Need: ☐ Picture set

What You Do:

- Place the “Don’t Touch It” pictures in a two-by-two grid on the floor or table.
- Choose two kids to sit or stand with the pictures between them.
- Explain that you will call out one of the pictures. When you do, the goal is to touch any picture, but not the one that was called out.
- To start the game, call out one of the pictures (e.g., “Bible!”).
- They should touch one of the pictures, but not the one you called out. For example, if you call “Bible,” they can touch Bear, Banana, or Ball. If they touch the picture you called, they are out, and the next kid takes a turn.
- Play until one kid remains as the winner.
- Play several rounds.

What You Say:

Great job listening and waiting! In our story today, we're going to hear about a boy named Samuel who kept hearing his name called. He had to learn how to listen carefully. Let's go find out what happened!

EveryChild Pro-Tip: This game is great for practicing self-control. Celebrate everyone for trying, not just the winner.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: The Lord Calls Out to Samuel • 1 Samuel 3

Bottom Line: I can ask God to speak to me.

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **What can you ask God to help you with?**
- Who called Samuel's name?
- What did Samuel say to God?
- What can make it hard to listen to God?
- How can you get ready to listen to God?

Activity Name: Blindfold Trek

What You Need: ☐ Blindfold

What You Do:

- Ask for a kid to volunteer to be blindfolded.
- Have the other kids spread out around the room and start making soft, quiet noises (like whispering, humming, or tapping their knees).
- Explain that you, the leader, are the only voice the blindfolded person should listen to.
- The blindfolded kid must listen carefully for YOUR voice as you give them directions (e.g., "Take two steps forward," "Turn to your left," "You're getting warmer!") to help them reach you. *Make sure to keep them from hurting themselves.*
- Once they reach you, they can remove the blindfold, and everyone can cheer!
- Continue until each kid who wants a turn gets to participate.

What You Say:

That was really hard, wasn't it? There were so many other noises, but you had to focus and listen just for my voice to find your way. It's like that when we listen for God. God speaks to you all the time, but you have to learn how to listen for His voice and to separate it out from all the noise and distractions in your life. Start by asking God to speak to you and trust that He does. When we ask Him to speak, He will help guide us. Remember, **[Bottom Line] I can ask God to speak to me.**

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.