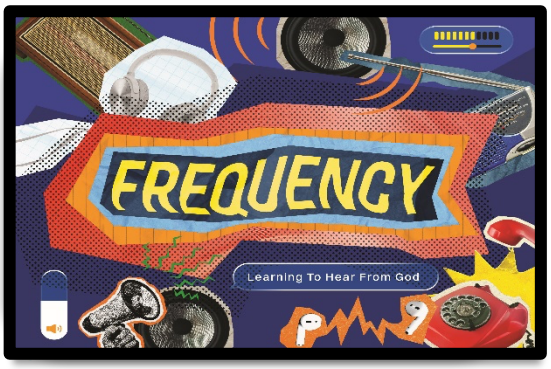
FLATIRONS KIDS

4th and 5th Grade

WEEK 4 - STARTER



Activity Name: Switch!

What You Need: ▢ None needed

What You Do:

- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Introduce the game "Switch!"
- Have everyone stand in a circle.
- Choose one kid to stand in the middle.
- Explain the rules:
    - If the kid in the middle says "Switch," everyone must switch spots with someone else in the circle.
    - If the kid in the middle says "Stay," no one moves.
    - If the kid in the middle says "Jump," everyone jumps in place.
    - If someone does the wrong action, they switch places with the kid in the middle.
- Play several quick rounds, encouraging the kid in the middle to say the commands quickly to make it more challenging.

What You Say:
That got tricky fast! You had to listen closely and react quickly. Sometimes it was easy to know what to do, and sometimes it got confusing when things moved fast.

Today's story includes a boy who heard something, but he did not understand it right away. It's going to be great! Let's go find out more!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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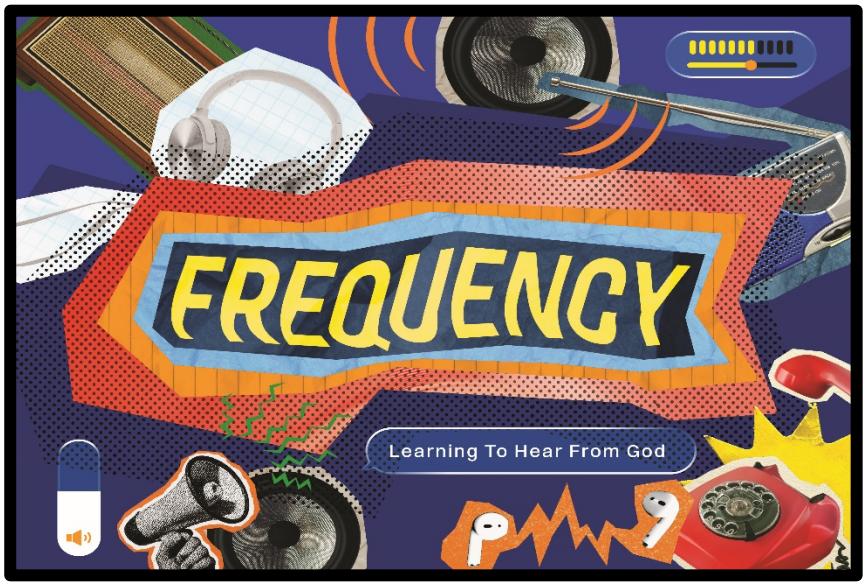
Small Group Week 4



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 NIrV*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ***[Conversation Starter]* What are you going to ask God to speak to you about?**
- What do you think Samuel was feeling and thinking…
    a) when God was speaking to him?
    b) when he finally figured out it was God?
    c) when God gave him the message about Eli and his sons?
    d) What would you be thinking and feeling?
- What might make it difficult to hear God when He is speaking?
- What can you do to be ready for God to speak?

Activity Name: Bible Story Review

What You Need: ▢ Bibles ▢ Samuel story Script ▢ megaphones

What You Say:
You are going to help act out today's Bible Story. I am going to read the Bible Story out loud. When I get to a specific action word, I'll say it loudly through the megaphone *(show megaphone),* and you will act out the word I say.

What You Do:

- Choose a few kids to go first as actors. The rest of the kids will be the audience.
- Use the "Samuel Story Script" Activity Page to read the Bible Story aloud.
- Kids will act out the story as you read.
- Repeat with several groups of kids as time allows.

What You Say:
That is some good acting there! Even though this was fun and playful, the events in this story really happened. One truly amazing detail is found in 1 Samuel 3:10. *(Have a kid read out this verse.)* This passage says that the LORD came and stood there and then called out to Samuel. Samuel was not even aware that the LORD was there. It's amazing that the very presence of the LORD can be with us even when we are not aware.

When Samuel replied, "Speak, I'm listening," God spoke aloud to Samuel with a message about Eli and his sons. While God does speak out loud sometimes, as He did to Samuel, He speaks most of the time to your heart through thoughts and images. It's like an inside, quiet voice. It takes paying attention and sometimes practice to recognize God's voice. Reading Scripture can also help us recognize God's voice.

Remember this week, that ***[Bottom Line]*** **I can ask God to speak to me.** He wants to speak to you and give you what you need to follow Him for all of your life.