

# **HOTLINE FROM HEAVEN**

## **Memory Verse**

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things you do not know.

## **Central Thought**

God hears us when we pray, and He wants us to listen to His voice when He speaks to us.

## **Bible Story**

1 Samuel 3 - Boy Samuel Hears From God

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### **OBJECT LESSON**

Materials: blindfold, phone

- Blindfold 1 child.
- Hide phone in the room.
- Allow the other children to yell out wrong directions.
- Give "left" "right" or "straight" directions to the child to guide him/her to find the phone.

Even though there were a lot of people yelling out directions, he/she had to hear 1 voice that was giving him/her directions. So, he/she had to listen very carefully to that 1 voice to find the phone. God wants us to listen just as carefully to His voice.

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### **OPENING/REVIEW GAME**

- Whisper the memory verse to only 1 child.
- Have the child pass the message on to the next person.
- Repeat until everyone in the room has heard the message.
- The last child will repeat the message.
- Recite the original message.

God wants us to listen very carefully to Him when we pray.

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

- I. Hearing God in Prayer
  - A. Prayer is simply having a conversation with God – both you and God talk and listen.
  - B. God speaks to us:
    1. Put a thought in our mind, i.e., someone's name
    2. Give us or show us a picture
    3. Give us a scripture
    4. What other ways has God spoken to you?
  
- II. God, Is that You?
  - A. The examples above come to our minds, so how do we know we didn't just make it up?
  - B. God will NEVER tell us to do something that goes against what the Bible says.
  - C. As we read the Bible more and more, we will know what He would say and do.
  
- III. Word Connection
  - A. Jeremiah 33:3  
Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things you do not know.
  - B. God tells us when we call to him; He will answer, so we need to be listening to hear His Him speak.
  - C. Illustration: Hearing mom/dad call us when we're playing.
    1. We don't have to see them to know it's them calling us.
    2. They expect that when they call us that we will hear them and answer.
  - D. John 10:3  
To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
  - E. John 10:27  
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
  
- IV. Personal Application
  - A. Model praying God's Word.  
"Father Thank You for promising to talk to me and lead me. Thank You that I can listen to Your voice, that You know me, and that I can follow You (John 10:3, 27). Thank You that I can trust Your Word because it is the truth (John 17:17). Your Word says that You would supply all of my needs, so I pray for [need] (Ph 4:19). Thank You for meeting my need, even before I see it (FAITH!). In Jesus name, Amen."
  - B. Allow children to practice using the scriptures displayed, or scriptures they know.
  - C. Remind children that the more we know His Word and what it says, the more we will know if we are really hearing from God.