

GOD CAN HEAR ME

Talking with God is easy!

TOPICS:

Prayer

MATERIALS:

2 Cans or paper cups
Small nail and hammer
Long piece of string



DURATION:

Approximately 7 minutes

PREPARATION:

Before class use the small nail and hammer to punch a hole in the bottom of each can or paper cup. The hole should be in the center. Push the string through the hole in the first can and tie a knot at the end of the string so that it cannot pull through the hole in the can. Repeat this process for the second can.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Begin by asking the children to name ways in which we can communicate over long distances. (The list may include letter, e-mail, phone) Tell the children that long ago people used to send messages over something called a telegraph. A telegraph was a machine that would send a special code across wires. Telegraphs sent messages from one city to another.

Say, "I'll demonstrate this for you, but I need a volunteer to help me." Once you have selected your helper, ask the child to take one of the cans and walk away from you until the string is tight. Have the child hold the can up to their ear; let them know that you are going to pull the string taut so they need to have a good grip on the can. Once the child has the can up to his or her ear, whisper, "God loves you very much." into your can. The child should be able to hear the message loud and clear, if not, try repeating the message a bit louder.

Over the years, things have certainly changed. We went from the telegraphs to telephones and from telephones to cell phones. We can now call someone we know just about any place in the world and the devices we use do not have to be connected by wires.

Boys and girls did you know that there is even a better way to communicate? It is called prayer. Prayer is the most powerful form of communication we have. When we pray, we talk directly to God. Prayer is the perfect way to communicate with God. Prayer will never change, it's the same today as it was hundred or thousands of years ago. We can talk to God anytime or any place by simply praying to Him.

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PRAYING HANDS

(Connect-the-dots) Children use their counting skills to discover praying hands they can then color.

TOPICS:

Prayer

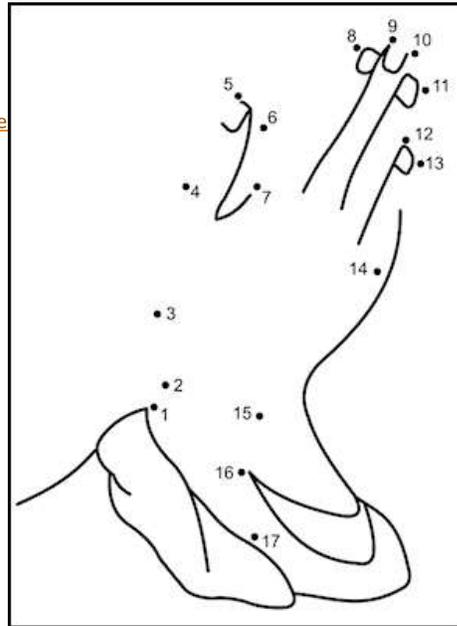
MATERIALS:

Bible coloring page [PDF] [Click here](#)

Crayons or colored markers

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



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GUESS WHAT YOU HEAR?

In this free preschool activity, children guess which sounds are made by different items, and learn that Jesus knows exactly who we are when we pray.

TOPICS:

Listening, Prayer

MATERIALS:

Whistle, Harmonica, Stapler, Bell, Baby rattle
Any other familiar item that makes a nice sound

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



PREPARATION:

Before class, find five or six familiar items that make an identifiable sound, such as the examples above. Put all of these items into a large paper bag.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

You will go before the class, and have everyone close their eyes as you remove one item at a time from the bag, and make a noise with it. (You will also want to turn your back to the class, and hide the item you are using as best as possible so kids who are peeking will not see it.) After making the noise, place the item back into the bag, and then let the kids open their eyes. Then ask them if they know what the item was by the sound they heard. Let them know if they were right or wrong before going to the next item in the bag.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Sometimes we can tell what something is just by the sound it makes. At other times, just hearing the sound is not enough. We need to see it also. But when we pray, we don't need to worry about how we sound, or if God will hear us. He will know who it is, because Jesus takes our prayers to the Father. We can pray and be sure that God will hear and answer our prayers.

The Bible says, "And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for." *1 John 5:14-15 NLT*

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PRAYER

LESSON 2: GOD HEARS MY PRAYERS

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This Sunday school lesson will help the children understand that God really does hear our prayers, even when we don't know the right words to say.

TOPICS

Hannah, Prayer

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

Praying Hands (Connect-the-Dots Coloring Activity) [Click here](#)

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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BIBLE VERSE (5 MINUTES)

"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:14 NIV

This verse will give children the assurance that God hears our prayers and answers them when they are in accordance with His Will.

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the story about Hannah praying to God right from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

Introduction:

Our story today takes place a long time ago, even before Jesus was born. It is about a woman named Hannah. She was one of two wives to a man named Elkanah. Hannah was very sad, because she was getting old, and still did not have any children. The other wife, named Peninnah, had both sons and daughters. To make matters even worse, whenever Hannah would go to the temple to worship God, Peninnah would tease her about having no children. It even made Hannah cry. Then one day, she decided to pray.

Read 1 Samuel 1:10-17, 20 (Hannah Prays to God)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why was Hannah so sad? (*Because she did not have any children.*)
2. How did Hannah ask for God's help? (*She prayed.*)
3. What did Hannah pray for? (*A son.*)
4. Do you think Hannah was happy that she prayed to God? (*Yes, because God gave her a son.*)
5. Can you share a time that God answered a prayer for you? (*Allow for answers.*)

FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

Guess What You Hear (Activity) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (7 MINUTES)

God Can Hear Me (Object Talk) [Click here](#)

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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For today's snack, bring Rice Krispy treats. Start by praying to God and thanking Him for hearing our prayers. As the children eat their snacks, ask them what other foods or snacks make noise when you eat them (apples, potato chips, raw carrots, etc.). What foods make hardly any noise (Jell-O, pudding, cheese, etc.)? To some adults, young children's voices may seem tiny and childish, like the silly sounds made by some foods, but to God the words spoken by children, especially in prayer are very important. God hears and answers those prayers the same as He does for older people.

CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

Telephone (Game)

Have the children sit in a circle, or around the table. Start with one child and whisper one of the phrases shown below into his or her ear. Have that child whisper the same phrase into the ear of the child to his or her left, and continue around the circle until the last child is told the phrase. Then have the last child say what he or she heard out loud to see how close it was to the original phrase. As children leave, simply make the circle smaller.

Phrases:

God will always hear our prayers.
It makes Jesus very happy when we pray.
If we ask anything in Jesus' name, He will do it.
We can pray anytime, morning, noon, or night.

Compare this game to how when we pray, God hears exactly what we mean to say, even when we don't say it exactly the way we want.

NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to learn ways that we can worship God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TAKE HOME PAGE

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home [PDF]. [Click here](#)

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