

Bible Story: John the Baptist – Mark 1:1-11; John 1:19 - 34

Bottom Line: Listen to someone who is listening to God.

Memory Verse: “I move on toward the goal to win the prize. God has appointed me to win it. The heavenly prize is Christ Jesus himself.” Philippians 3:14 NIRV

PLUG IN: (prior to service 10-15 minutes) **Supplies: None**

1. What does it mean to be a good listener? What does it mean to be a bad listener?
2. Who are the people in your life that you listen to the most?
3. Is there anyone you can think of who you shouldn't listen to?



Go to the GARAGE 

CATCH ON:

Review Bible Story (if needed) discussed in Garage time.

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Say: “Today, we are talking about listening. Jesus knew that He needed to **listen**, but He didn't listen to just anybody. He found John the Baptist, a man who listened to God and taught others God's message. I bet there were plenty of people that Jesus could've listened to, but He made a wise choice and chose to listen to John the Baptist. What did God say about Jesus? Right, He said, “You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you.”

Listening Relay (25-35 minutes) Supplies: None

Do:

1. Divide the group into two teams. The teams line up into two lines, and the Small Group Leader stands 10-15 feet from the team lines.
2. The first person in each line runs to the Small Group Leader. The Small Group Leader will give the child an instruction, such as “run around the group twice” or “give everyone on your team a high-five.”
3. The first person returns to his line and gives the instructions to the entire team.
4. The entire team will help this person complete the instructions before the next person runs to the Small Group Leader to get new instructions.
5. The relay finishes when the last person delivers instructions that the team helps execute.
6. Encourage cheering and lots of noise while the relay is going.

Say: “Nice job, everyone! That was CRAZY! There definitely was a lot going on. Did you think it was easy to hear and follow the instructions? What made it more difficult? How could it have been easier? Just like in the relay we needed to listen to the right person, in life we need to listen to the right person. With so many people trying to tell us what to do and what not to do, including parents, brothers/sisters, friends, etc., it's hard to know who to listen to! Jesus knew that He needed to **listen** to someone who was listening to God. Who are some people in your life that you know you can listen to?” (*Parents, teachers, coaches, small group leaders, etc.*)

MEMORY VERSE: (10-15 minutes) **Supplies:** Bible, Beach ball

"I move on toward the goal to win the prize. God has appointed me to win it. The heavenly prize is Christ Jesus himself." Philippians 3:14 NIV

Do:

1. Review the memory verse as a group.
2. Toss the ball into the center of the group. Whoever hits the ball first should say the first word of the verse.
3. Continue hitting the ball up in the air, saying the next word of the verse with each hit.
4. Play several times, encouraging the kids to string together more hits each time and to complete the verse as fast as possible.

Say: "You guys make a great team! Our goal today was to keep the ball in the air while we said the memory verse. At first, we might've forgotten some words, or let the ball drop. It's a good thing we didn't quit, though! We kept working toward our goal."

Close in Prayer

REMIND STUDENTS TO GET A GODTIME CARD ONLINE OR AT THE GUEST SERVICE DESK

IF TIME...

Time after diving into and completing the lesson...

Please utilize the **BOTTOM LINE, VIRTUE DEFINITION, or MEMORY VERSE** in the early finisher activities in the cabinet. Choose one or two to always have in your mind prior to using one. No Materials Required.