

LESSON 3 – HEARING GOD **IS GOD INVOLVED IN OUR LIVES?**

To the Teacher: Every believer needs to know that because God loves us, He wants to communicate with us. It is important that students are assured that God wants and does talk to His children. It is equally important that they know that God talks in limitless ways and methods in order to reach us. And that He is involved in our everyday lives and will communicate with us at any time, even when we initiate the conversation...this is what prayer is.

Concept:
Hearing God

Objectives/Goal:

- The students will discover that God talks to His children in a variety of ways.
- The students will learn that God talks to reveal Himself to us.
- The students will realize that God talks to us to convey His will to us.

Plan Ahead:

- Read the scriptures that are on the student handout found at the end of this lesson and print copies for each student. (These will be used in the small groups and be the Take-Home Handout).
- Divide the students into small groups.
- Provide some Bibles for students who may not have one with them.
- You may want an overhead projector, power point, or whiteboard for the Hebrews scripture.
- Provide a poster board for the charting of the scriptures and hang prominently: “How God Talks and Why.”
- At the end of the lesson encourage students to make up a game with family member(s) that involves finding other scriptures about when God Spoke to His children and why.

Launch out:

Introduction:

Teacher introduces a question for the whole group to explore:

Last week we were assigned to ask God a fun question about what kind of tool or utensil we might be and why.

- What was your experience with this exercise?
- Would anyone like to share what they saw or heard or the impression they received?
- How did it make you feel talking to God in this way?

Looking Forward:

In our lesson today we are going to explore how God is involved our lives.

1. Through the study of Scripture we will find that God loves to talk to His people.
2. Remember Mary? How did God let her know she was going to have baby Jesus?
3. Why did He communicate with her? (Teacher elicits short discussion).

This is exactly what I want you to do in your small group assignments.

Break Out:**Teacher introduces small group activities:**

1. We are going to divide into small groups and have each group read one segment in the Bible where God talks to one of His children. The scriptures are listed on the handout. (Teacher assigns scriptures to each group.)
2. Each group's assignment is to **find and list "HOW" God talked** and **"WHY"** in the assigned scriptures.
3. We are going to **chart the various ways God talked and why.**
4. Each group will have a "secretary" that will chart your their findings.
5. We will compile them when we come back together.

Teacher brings students back to whole group and elicits responses:

1. Let each group report on their scriptures.
2. On the poster board, chart the various ways God talked and the reason that He did.
3. The students should discover that God is very creative in the ways He talks' but His motive is always the same – to guide His children because He loves them.

Take Away:

The realization that God speaks to His children through His Word (Bible), through voices, visions, angels, pictures, impressions, dreams, and even donkeys. That God is always involved with His children and is always speaking. God does this not to be controlling, or a killjoy, but because He loves us and wishes to bless us through His guidance.

Going Forward:

(Activation) Go home with a Handout of scriptures studied in class and share with family members. Share that God's motivation to talk to us is His love for us. Make up a game to play with family member(s) to see who can find "other" instances when God spoke and why.

Teacher's Summary:

Well, class, through this lesson we learned that God's love for His children motivates Him to be involved in our lives and that He talks to us continuously in various ways and limitless methods. We can be assured that He talks to us and will respond to us when we talk to Him. Learning to listen is our assignment.

Teacher ends with prayer: Let us end this lesson with a prayer."

Lord, thank You that You love us so much that You talk to us about everything in our lives. Help us through your Holy Spirit to be reminded to talk to You about everything and to be grateful for that privilege. In Jesus' Name we pray.

(The handout follows on the next page)

(Take Home Handout 1)

**How God Talks and Why?
(Small Group Activity)**

Group 1 1 Samuel 2:27-34

Group 2 1 Samuel 3:8-13

Group 3 Acts 9:1-8

Group 4 Numbers 22:20-33

Group 5 Daniel 5:13-30

Group 6 Acts 8:25-38