

KIDMUNITY | God's Word, My Life

Lesson 07: Learning to Listen

Large Group Script

Bottom Line:

I can hear God's voice by reading His Word.

Memory Verse:

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **John 10:27**

Supplies Needed

- Large Bible (to hold up)
- Slide with John 10:27
- Megaphone
- Small portable radio
- Video clip of sheep responding only to their shepherd's call

Welcome & Hook: Megaphone vs Whisper

[Invite one kid on stage. Hold the megaphone.]

Leader (through megaphone):

- "HEY [kid's name]! CAN YOU HEAR ME BACK THERE?"
- "LISTEN UP, EVERYONE – THIS IS IMPORTANT!"
- "DANGER! WATCH OUT!"

(Kids laugh and respond.)

Ask leading questions about the megaphone:

Why might I use a megaphone?

- To get someone's attention
- To warn people in danger
- To make a bold announcement so everyone can hear
- What's good about a megaphone? (It's loud, clear, everyone hears it.)
- What's not so good? (It's overwhelming, not personal, not meant just for one person.)

[Put down the megaphone. Lean in close and whisper something kind to the kid.]

Leader (whispering to kid):

- “Thanks for helping me today.”
- “You’re really brave to come up here.”
- “You’re doing a great job.”

Ask leading questions about the whisper:

Why would I whisper instead of shout?

- It’s personal — just for you
- It shows closeness and trust
- It feels like a secret between friends
- What are the benefits of whispering? (It feels safe, private, relational.)

Transition: Setting Expectations

Leader:

“Today we’re learning about how God speaks to us — or maybe even more importantly, how we learn to *hear* His voice.

Some of you might think, ‘If God’s going to speak to me, it’ll be out loud — like with this megaphone.’ Or maybe you’d expect Him to give you a big sign in the sky, or spell out the answer right in front of you.

And yes, sometimes in the Bible God did speak in huge, dramatic ways. And He still *can* if He wants to. But if that’s all you expect, you might miss how God usually chooses to communicate.

God isn’t just trying to grab your attention — He’s inviting you into a relationship. And that means most often, He speaks in quieter, personal ways.”

How God Spoke in the Bible

Big, Powerful Ways (to get attention):

- A burning bush to Moses (Exodus 3)
- Thunder and lightning at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19)
- A voice from heaven at Jesus’ baptism (Matthew 3)

- A blinding light to Paul on the Damascus road (Acts 9)

Even then, people didn't always listen. Israel heard God's voice at Sinai and still disobeyed. The Pharisees heard Jesus and still rejected Him.

Quiet, Personal Ways (to build relationship):

- A gentle whisper to Elijah (1 Kings 19)
- Samuel hearing God's voice in the night (1 Samuel 3)
- The Spirit guiding believers in prayer (Acts 13:2)
- Jesus speaking tenderly to His disciples (John 21:15-17)

These moments show God's heart – not just to get attention, but to draw people close.

Transition:

“If we look at the two different ways God spoke in the Bible, you can see there was one way that was more impersonal – big, loud, dramatic – and another way that was more personal and close.

If you're following Jesus and building a relationship with Him, which way should you expect to hear God's voice? That's right – in more personal ways.”

Ways God Speaks to Us Today

Through Nature

- The beauty of creation shows God's power and creativity (Psalm 19:1).
- Sunrises, mountains, oceans – reminders of His greatness.

Through Others

- Parents, friends, or leaders may speak truth that God uses.
- God often encourages us through the people around us.

Through Songs or Ideas

- A worship song, or even a thought in your mind, can remind you of God's truth.
- God can bring Scripture to mind at just the right time.

Through Books or Sermons

- Reading or listening to teaching can open our eyes to new understanding.
- God uses pastors and teachers to help us hear His Word clearly.

Most Reliably: Through the Bible

- The Bible is God's preserved Word, given for us to know Him.
- If you want to know the kinds of things God talks about → read your Bible.
- If you want to know the way God tends to speak → read your Bible.
- If you want to know what God cares about → read your Bible.

The more you spend time in Scripture, the more you get familiar with God's voice. And when you know His voice there, you'll begin to recognize it everywhere else too.

Transition: Tuning In

Leader:

"God wants to communicate with me personally. I need to listen to His voice. But here's the big question: how do I know what voice is His? Because sometimes I hear a lot of different voices.

It's kind of like this radio. When you turn the dial, you pick up all kinds of stations — static, music, voices, commercials. Not every voice belongs to the station you're looking for. So how do you know when you've locked in to the right one?

It's the same with God. There are lots of voices in our lives — friends, family, teachers, TV, TikTok, even our own thoughts. But Jesus says His sheep can *recognize* His voice. And the more we spend time with Him, the better we get at tuning in."

The Shepherd's Voice

Leader:

"Jesus said in John 10:27: *'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.'*

Sheep hear all kinds of noise out in the fields — strangers, animals, other voices. But when their shepherd calls, they recognize him. Why? Because they've spent every day with him. They've listened to him over and over.

It's the same for us. The more time we spend with God in prayer and in His Word, the more familiar His voice becomes. And when He speaks, we'll know it's Him — and we'll follow."

Sheep Video Illustration

[Play video]

Leader:

“Did you see that? Person after person called out to the sheep, and they just stood there. But as soon as the shepherd called, they all came running. Why? Because they knew his voice. They had heard it every day, over and over. They trusted him.

That’s what Jesus was saying. We’re like the sheep. The more time we spend with Him in His Word, the more familiar His voice becomes. And when He speaks, we’ll know it’s Him – and we’ll follow.”

Memory Verse

[Hold up Bible. Slide with verse on screen.]

“Let’s read our memory verse together: John 10:27 – *‘My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.’*

That’s what today is all about: learning to listen to God’s voice, recognizing it, and following Him.”

Wrap-Up & Challenge

- “So don’t wait around for a megaphone moment. You already have the Shepherd’s voice right here in the Bible.
- Read it. Listen to it. Get to know His voice.
- Because the more you know His voice, the more you’ll recognize it everywhere He speaks.”
- [Lead kids in reciting John 10:27 together.]