

You can HEAR from God

Craft: String Telephone

WHAT YOU DO

Decorate two cups as desired. Poke a hole very gently in the bottom of each cup and thread the string through. Tie a knot and attach a paper clip to keep the string from pulling through. Each kid will hold a cup up to his ear, carefully pulling the string tight, and take turns talking and listening into the cup.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Just like this cup telephone, we can listen to Jesus, but we have to keep the line open. Our friendship with Jesus keeps a tight line between us so He can tell us what He wants us to do in our lives. How great it is to be in a relationship with Jesus! If you listen carefully to God, you will hear from Him!

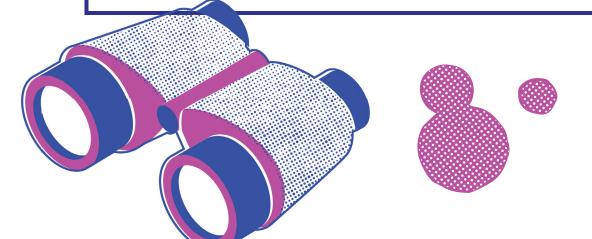
Game: Next Cup Up

WHAT YOU DO:

Line up kids facing forward and give each a cup. Fill one container with water, at least a gallon, and place it at the start of the line, also placing an empty container at the end of the line. The first kid in line will scoop a cup out of the container and pour it into the cup of the kid beside him, each one pouring the cup down the line until the last kid dumps it into the empty container. He then shouts "hear!" to indicate the starting kid should begin the process all over again, until the container at the end is full.

WHAT YOU SAY:

When we wait to hear from God, then we make wise decisions. You can hear from God through reading the Bible, praying and even talking with other people who follow Jesus. Just like in our story today, when we listen to God's Word and obey, we can be like the wise builders who built on the rock.



Serve: Chalk Cheer

WHAT YOU DO:

Decorate the driveways and sidewalks around your location with cheerful and encouraging chalk messages. You may choose one particular area to decorate or spread out as appropriate.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Kids like you are one of the things in creation that show what God is like. Isn't it amazing that He created beautiful creatures like YOU?! You are unique and when people see your sweet messages, it can remind them of God and His love for them. You can be part of the creation that helps people hear from God!

Snack: Choose Any Snack You Like

WHAT YOU DO:

Gather the kids around you in a quiet, cool spot that allows for relaxing, thinking and discussion. Have cups of water and the snack ready to distribute when you're ready.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Use the Travel Time questions to go deeper into what you are learning today. Snack time provides a great opportunity for spending quality time as a group.

Travel Time

- What makes you unique? What qualities do you have that remind people of God?
- What do you like best about knowing God?
- How can we hear from God? What do you think it sounds like?
- Where do you hear from God the most? How might other people hear from God?
- What tools has God given us to help us hear from Him?
- How can you be wise in your everyday life? Where can we find wisdom?
- Where do you read the Bible? Do you ever have questions about what's in the Bible? Who can you ask?

