

SESSION 10

GOD SPEAKS

God&Me&Us

Focus Point

God loves to communicate with His people and I can hear Him for myself and others.

The Key Truths

Many people have questions about how to hear from God, and in what ways He speaks to us. At this age, many preteens are learning to hear God for themselves - yet at the same time, battling with fear that they may not be able to do so. Yet God speaks to all His children.

This session highlights the different ways that God spoke in the scriptures, throughout the ages, and to all different kinds of people. We are able to hear Him through scripture, prophecy, preaching and teaching and our personal relationship with God. God has given us the Holy Spirit to guide us and lead us into The Truth. We can rely on the Holy Spirit each day as a counselor, comforter and a friend, to walk with us and guide our every step.

Scriptures to Consider

- **Isaiah 30:21 (ESV)** - *"And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left."*
- **Hebrews 1:1-3 (ESV)** - *"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."*

Group Discussion Questions

Question 1: In John 14:9, Jesus said to His disciples; *“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”* What do you think this means?

Answer: It means that Jesus didn’t just come to earth as another prophet or person that spoke words from God. But instead, He came to earth as the literal word of God. He is the embodiment of God’s own nature and is the fullest revelation of who God is. It means that we don’t have to wonder and guess what God the Father is like, because He has revealed it to us already through His Son, Jesus.

Question 2: How can we learn more about God and know more about Him through the life of Jesus?

Answer: We can read about the life and ministry of Jesus in the Bible. We see how He dealt with people who were just like us. Whatever we see Jesus doing and feeling for people, we can know that God the Father feels the exact same way towards us.

Question 3: What are some of the main ways that we can learn to tell the difference between God’s voice, our own thoughts or feelings and other voices?

Answer: God speaks to us to lead us, encourage us, convict us of sin and to build us up. He will speak to us in a way that brings clarity to us instead of making us feel confused. When He speaks to us it will never contradict His Word. He wants us to become more like Him, and will instruct us in a way that makes us rely more on Him than ourselves. God’s desire is for His Kingdom to come on earth and in our own lives, so He won’t say things to us which aren’t in line with this.

The below questions do not have prescribed answers - let these answers be led by the kids.

Question 4: Have you ever had an experience where you feel like God has spoken to you from reading something in the Bible? Ask the kids to share their experiences.

Question 5: What do you think are some of the obstacles and challenges we can face in hearing God speak to us? E.g. not knowing enough of what Scripture says about God and His character, too much busyness in our lives, not actually believing that He wants to speak to us, fear of being disappointed or rejected by God, etc.

Question 6: We need to find the space and time during our days to quieten ourselves and allow God to speak to us. What are you going to do this week to put this into action?

