3PK

May 11-12, 2013

DATE

Prayer

LESSON TITLE

John and Revelation

WHERE TO FIND IT

John talks to God—and listens to him!

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:
First 10 minutes of the service hour: Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week

tips

Ten minutes before you head into large group, ask kids if they have to use the restroom. It should help eliminate the number of kids who ask to go during the story.

check-in/out

Tell parents to ask their kids about the ear and mouth stickers they are wearing.

large group heads up

Today is all about how praying is just talking and listening to God. We're going to talk about John, but really focus on how he loved to pray and how he heard from God. Remind kids that they can hear from God, too!

SMALL group

instructions

Goal: (1) to provide kids with a tangible reminder of what prayer is, so they can share it with their families and (2) to help kids understand that prayer is accessible to them

Why? Because Jesus rescued us, we can all talk to God anytime. And hear from Him.

Tip: During prayer today, make sure to ask kids what they heard from God. God really does want to speak to all of us—even little kids!

small group

As kids eat a snack, **REVIEW** the story:

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What is praying? (talking and listening to God)
2. Who was the guy in today's story? (John)
3. Did John hear from God when he listened? (Yes!)
4. What was one of the things God told John? (he showed him a picture of the perfect world Jesus will one day re-create)
5. Why should WE listen to God, like John? (He wants to speak to us, too!)

ACTIVITY

Remind kids that prayer is TALKING and LISTENING (use the motions from large group). Give them an ***ear sticker*** to color and wear, and a ***mouth sticker*** to color and wear. Hopefully, their parents ask them about the stickers!

***Afterwards, pray with the kids, telling God simple things like how much fun you've had in Kids' Club today. Then ask him to speak to you. See if you can get the kids to spend even 10 seconds listening! Ask them if they heard anything.**

…Extra time? When everybody's done, play a fun listening group game: Simon Says.

- Line the kids up so they can all see you.
- Give commands and tell them to listen carefully. They should ONLY do what you say if they hear you say "Simon says."
- Give kids simple tasks, like "Simon says touch your toes." Occasionally, leave out

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SMALL group (continued)

"Simon Says." Be creative and have fun, but here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Spin around
- Talk to God ("Hi God!")
- Reach as high as you can
- Reach as low as you can
- Give a friend a high five
- Pretend you're an elephant
- Sit on the ground
- Stand on one foot
- Quack like a duck
- Etc.!

LARGE group

special notes

Today is all about praying. You'll see a lot of repetition of the words "talk" and "listen"—as well as a motion. This repetition will help kids grasp what prayer is!

presenter tips

Kids love to be heard! Try taking your mic off your head/shirt...and walk around and let kids give answers into your mic.

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders *(about 1 minute)*

REVIEW
Presenter: (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) …This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a "thumbs up!" (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN….something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world… Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God…God loved them anyway! And God sent his own son, Jesus, to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world! We talked about how Jesus rescued us by dying on the cross! And then he came back to life and went to Heaven!

INTRO: PRAYING
Now that Jesus came to earth and rescued us, we can follow him! Today, we're going to talk about a guy named John who loved to follow Jesus! One of the ways John followed Jesus was by PRAYING to Jesus. Can you guys say the word "pray"? (Let kids say it.)

(Show picture of the mouth and ear—point to the mouth first) On the count of three, I want you guys to tell me what this picture is. Ready? 1-2-3: (Let kids say: mouth.) Yes! And we (cup your hands around your mouth) TALK with our mouths. Can you guys do that with me? We (lead kids in cupping their hands) TALK with our mouths.

(Now point to the ear.) On the count of three, I want you guys to tell me what this is. Ready? 1-2-3: (Let kids say: ear!) That's right! And we (put on listening ears) LISTEN with our ears. Can you guys do that with me? We (lead kids in putting on listening ears) LISTEN with our ears.

Praying is when we TALK (cup hands) and LISTEN (put on listening ears) to Jesus! Can you guys do that whole thing with me? Praying is when we TALK (cup hands) and LISTEN (put on listening ears) to Jesus!

JOHN PRAYED
Wow, great job! Now, let's hear a story about a guy named John who loved to TALK (cup hands) and LISTEN (put on listening ears) to Jesus. As you watch, see if John heard anything from Jesus!

Video: God's Story / John

So when John TALKED (cup hands) and LISTENED (put on listening ears) to Jesus, did he hear anything from Jesus? (Let kids say: yes!) Yes, Jesus gave him a picture of a perfect world that John got to share with everyone!

WE CAN PRAY
And you know what? We can pray, too! Remember, praying is when we talk (cup hands) and listen (listening ears) to Jesus, just like John! We can tell Jesus we love him or about our day. And when we listen to him, he might even have a picture he wants to show us! Let's pray together now—and practice talking (cup hands) and listening (listening ears) to Jesus.

Pray together (break into small, repeatable phrases).

Pray: Hi God! Thank you that we can talk to you. Help us to listen to you. Please talk to us! (Here, take a few seconds and ask kids to listen quietly to God—see if you can get a couple seconds of quiet. Then, wrap up): We love you! Aaaaaaa-MEN.

Now let's worship Jesus by singing together!

Music Video: Trust in the Lord
Song: Deep and Wide

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)

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PREP needs

small group supplies

1. Coloring pages: Phone
2. 1 Ear Sticker per kid on Avery 5294
3. 1 Mouth Sticker per kid on Avery 5294 (templates in Curric folder)
4. Plenty of crayons and markers

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders
2. Image: mouth and ear (jpegs in curric folder—put both on one slide)
3. Video: God's Story / John (please remove the "pray" intro from the Strong Journey)
4. Song: Trust in the Lord
5. Song: Deep and Wide

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about John.
What is praying?

parent page

Today we talked about how praying is just talking and listening to God. We also learned about a guy named John who loved to pray—and heard some very important news from God. Read about him together in John, in the Bible. Or watch a video about John on CrossroadsKidsClub.net.