



COMMITMENT | WEEK 2 | MAY 8-9, 2021

Virtual K-3 Lesson

Til I Hear It From You

Life App: Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice.

Bible Story: Til I Hear It from You (The Wise and Foolish Builders) • *Matthew 7:24-29*

Bottom Line: Practice hearing from God.

Basic Truth: I am made by God to worship Him.

Memory Verse: Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8, NIRV

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Growing in faith is not something that happens by merely cramming more information about the Bible into a child's brain. All of that knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can do in their hearts. To fully experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith. And that takes commitment.

God keeps all His promises and puts His plans into action. Because God has followed through on those plans, we get the chance to be with God forever. We reflect God's commitment to us when we can make a plan and stick to it. This month, we'll help kids discover that one of the best plans they can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. Commit to practicing faith by reading God's Word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out that faith every day.

In week two, we head to **Matthew 7:24-29**, where we can read a parable Jesus told at the end of the Sermon on the Mount. Two builders took two different approaches to build their homes. One house was built on a solid foundation, the other on shifting sand. The message is clear: a solid foundation in life starts with hearing and doing what Jesus says.

Bottom Line: Practice hearing from God. We can't do what God says until we know what God says. Discovering more about that starts with listening to God. We pray that kids will learn the faith skill HEAR and find how they can navigate and personalize God's Word.

SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY AND DISCUSSION

(Paper, Drawing Supplies)

What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.
- If you choose, consider doing some ice breaker questions with your group (how was your week, would you rather..., etc.)
- Practice saying the memory verse together.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group (Find video at theparenthub.net), get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled.

What You Do:

- Read Matthew 7:24-29 out loud to the kids.
- As you read, ask kids to listen for a scene they want to draw.
- Instruct them to pay attention to what image pops in their mind as you read or what part of the story is most interesting to them.
- When you finish reading, let kids spend a few minutes drawing the part of the story that stood out to them.
- Read the story again as they draw.
- Let them have a few moments to share their pictures with the group, as they finish.
- Guide kids to retell the story with the pictures they drew. If there is a part of the story that no one drew, read that part from the Bible.

What You Say:

“Your drawing are so great! Put them somewhere you’ll see them every day this week, so they can remind you to practice hearing from God and doing what He wants you to do. Jesus made it clear in His story that anyone who hears His words AND puts them into practice will be ready to stand strong against the storms. What Jesus meant by ‘storms’ is all the tough stuff that happens in life: problems with friends, a hard time learning something at school, something hard happening at home . . . these are all things we can get through better by hearing and doing what God says. And listening to our Bible story is just one way we can [Bottom Line] practice hearing from God. What are some other ways we can hear from God? (read the bible on their own, do their GodTime cards or devotionals, listen to someone who follows Jesus talk about their relationship with Him)”

DISCUSSION

Ask the following questions and lead the group to discuss:

- What are some ways you hear from God?
- Do you think God communicates/talks with everyone the same way? Why or why not?
- What can you do if you’re not sure you are hearing God correctly? Who can you talk to?
- Share about a time you or someone you know had to make a choice and God helped you know exactly what to do.
- Based on today’s Bible story, if your life is a house, what does it look to build it on a foundation of rock? What does it look like to build it on a foundation of sand?

Close your group in prayer:

“God, I thank You for every kid that is here today and for everyone who is normally here and couldn’t be here today. I pray that we all continue to practice hearing from You through your Word, the Bible, through other people who follow You, and even by praying to You like we are right now. We are so grateful that You love us enough to talk to us. Thank You for sending us Your Son, Jesus, and loving us so much. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”