

 PRELUDE
 SOCIAL
 STORY
 WORSHIP
 GROUPS
 HOME

 CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Til I Hear It from You The Wise and Foolish Builders Matthew 7:24-29

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Practice hearing from God.

MONTHLY 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

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.



*2. SECRET SENTENCE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Secret Sentence" Activity Page, pencils or pens

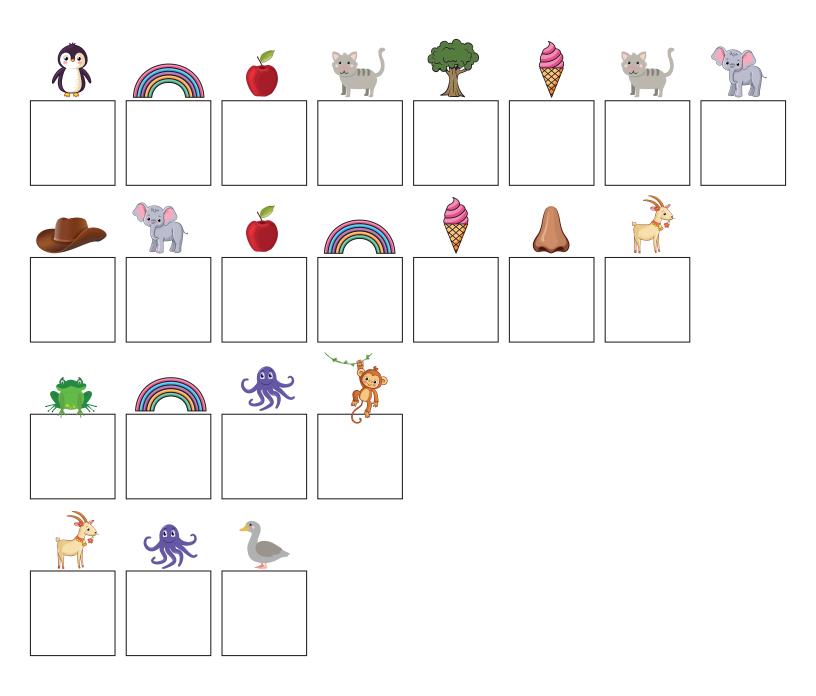
WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand each kid a "Secret Sentence" Activity Page and pencil or pen.
- Explain there are images on their paper with boxes underneath each image.
- They have to discover the hidden message by writing the letter the image starts with in the box underneath it. (For example, penguin starts with "P," so they would write "P" in the box under the penguin.)
- You may need to help younger ones with this and make it fun by having them make the letter sound to help them discover what the letter is.
- If they struggle, give them some more hints. (For example, it comes after "O" in the alphabet). Finally, give them the answer for that hidden letter if they still need help.
- Once they discover the hidden message—Practice hearing from God instruct them to turn their page over and draw a picture of a way they can practice hearing from God.
- Be sure and remind them of some ways they can hear from God if they need help.
 - Reading the Bible
 - Doing a devotional with their family or by themselves
 - Praying
 - Listening to their Small Group Leader, pastor, or any other person who follows Jesus talk about Jesus
- After kids finish drawing, let them share their drawings and tell the group what they drew.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys did a great job of discovering our secret sentence. Let's all say it together. **Practice hearing from God.** That's right! And you did a great job of drawing one way you can practice hearing from God."

[Make it Personal] (Share a time you heard from God through the Bible, a devotional, or another person teaching you. This could be as simple as the first time you truly heard about God's love. Keep this practical so kids understand that they can hear from God, too.)



"Secret Sentence" Activity Page

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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

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3. MEMORY VERSE BUILDING

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Building" Activity Page, Bibles, blocks, (optional) toy grabbers and buckets

WHAT YOU DO:

• Tape or stick each word of the "Memory Verse Building" Activity Page to a block. Each team needs one set of eight word blocks.

- Help kids look up and read the verse together as a group using the Navigation Tips from Week 1.
- Reread the second sentence, "But being Godly has value in every way."
 - Talk about how being Godly has so much more value than anything we could train our body for (like we learned last week).
- Split kids up into teams of four.
- Place the blocks in a pile for each team on the other side of the room.
 - The first kid in line runs to their pile of blocks and grabs a block only using their elbows.
 - Once they return, the next kid goes. They continue until all of the blocks are collected.
- Once the team has collected their blocks, they will stack them in order to make the Bible verse. (These will be numbered to help the younger ones put them in the correct order.)
- Once all teams are finished, practice saying the memory verse together again.
- Optional: If you are using the toy grabbers and buckets:
 - Each team should have one bucket on the other side of the room with all eight blocks inside.
 - Hand the toy grabber to the first kid in line for each team.
 - They will use the toy grabbers to pick up one block out of their team's bucket and bring it back to their team then hand the toy grabber to the next kid in line.
 - Continue until all blocks are collected.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job of building your memory verse! Practicing for something can be really hard sometimes. We have to do it over and over, and sometimes it feels like doing the same thing a bunch of times in a row. But when we **practice hearing from God**, we'll get better and better at it, which will help make us more like Jesus!"

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What to Do:

"Memory Verse Building, NIrV" Activity Page

Print on Avery® #5160 labels, equivalent, or cardstock. If using cardstock, cut each set apart. Provide one set for every four kids.

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