



HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: *Before Jesus came, God only spoke to a few select people, and only in special ways and on special occasions. Many Christians live like God still operates this way, but Jesus promised that when He sent the Holy Spirit, we would be able to hear from God anytime, anywhere.*

2. BIBLE VERSE

Elijah only heard from God in certain instances.

1 Kings 18:1 [ESV] *"After many days the word of the Lord came to Elijah..."*

1 Kings 19:9 [ESV] *"There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'"*

1 Kings 21:28 [ESV] *"And the word of the Lord came to Elijah..."*

God spoke to others in that era - people like Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and even John the Baptist. They were known as "prophets" - people who spoke on God's behalf.

3. DISCUSSION

Jesus told us His Word would not only be available to us - it would live in us.

John 15:7 [ESV] *"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."*

John 14:16-17 [ESV] *"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."*

Q: If you can hear directly from God, does that make it less or more important to know what He said in the Bible? Why?

Q: In what ways has the Holy Spirit spoken into your life? Do you think He wants to say more?

Q: If the Holy Spirit is speaking all the time, should we expect the gifts of the Spirit to operate only on special occasions, or more day-to-day?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and thank God for speaking to you through the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to work in your life to impact others as He reaches out to them through you.



TAKE ON THE GIANT

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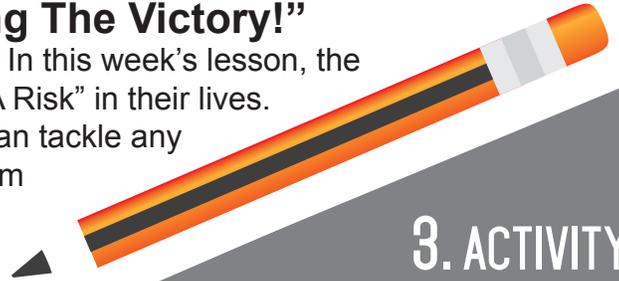
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1. POWER VERSE: Romans 8:31 *"...If God is for us, who can ever be against us?"*

"If I Take A Risk, God Will Bring The Victory!"

This week we continued our series, "Never Too Young." In this week's lesson, the children learned about the importance of "Taking A Risk" in their lives.

It is important that our kids know that they can tackle any "giant" that may stand before them with God's help!



2. DISCUSSION:

- Q. What giant did you learn about this week? (Goliath)
- Q. Who defeated the giant? (David)
- Q. How did David defeat the giant? Do you think David was scared or worried when he stood before the giant?

It's natural to be scared when we stand before a "giant" in our own lives. David may have been scared too! But, David didn't worry because he knew God was with Him and God would help him defeat the giant.

Q. What "giant" can you think of that you are facing now in your own life? (Help your child identify problems that seem bigger than they are.)

Q. What are some things you can do to help defeat your giant?

Q. What would God want to tell you about your giant?

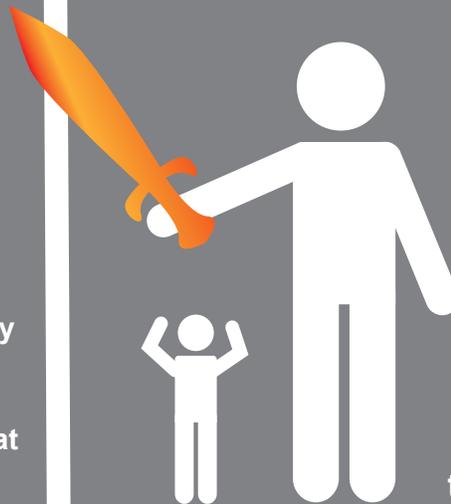
3. ACTIVITY:

God wants us to know that with His help we can defeat our giants and do great things for Him! We have been talking the last few weeks about how you are "Never Too Young" to do things for God. With God's help, you can do anything! Be willing to take a risk for God!

Read This Scripture:
Romans 8:31

*"...If God is for us,
who can ever be
against us?"*

Spend some time helping your child memorize this scripture for the next time they face a giant in their lives.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

**Pray that your child will be strong and with God's help can stand up against their giant!
Pray that they will be willing to take a risk in order to do BIG things for God!**