



Under the Big Top: Incredible Bible Stories

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LESSON - GOD WANTS US TO LISTEN TO HIM!

Under the Big Top, we hear true Bible stories that help us learn how to follow God. Today’s story teaches us something very important: God wants us to listen to Him. Last week, we learned that God made Samson strong. God helped Samson again and again. But today, we see that Samson stopped listening to God.

SAY IT: God wants me to listen!

DO IT: Put your hand by your ear.

Samson grew up and was very strong, but Samson started doing what he wanted instead of asking God what to do. Samson went to places and did things that were not good for him. God wanted Samson to listen and make good choices, but Samson didn’t stop to listen.

SAY IT: Samson didn’t listen.

DO IT: Shake your head “no.”

Samson had a friend named Delilah. She didn’t follow God and she wasn’t nice to God’s people. She kept asking Samson questions about what made him strong. Samson should have walked away and not answered her, but he stayed. He didn’t ask God for help like he should have.

SAY IT: Listening helps us make good choices.

DO IT: Point to your head.

Samson shared with Delilah that his strength was because of his long hair. Because Samson did not listen to God, one night, while Samson was sleeping, his strength was taken away. Samson did not know his strength was gone until he tried to use it again, but it was gone. Samson felt weak and sad.

SAY IT: I need God’s help.

DO IT: Lift your hands up.

This story helps us learn that when we listen to God, He helps us. When we stop listening, trouble can grow. God loves us and wants to help us make good choices.

SAY IT: I will listen to God!

DO IT: Nod your head “yes.”

God helps us listen at home. God helps us listen at school. God helps us listen at church.

SAY IT: God helps me listen!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving us. Help us listen to You every day. Help us make good choices. We love You, Jesus. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

1. Did God want us to listen to Him? **(Yes)**
2. Did Samson listen to God every time? **(No)**
3. Does listening help us make good choices? **(Yes)**
4. Is God happy when we listen to Him? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE (IF YOU HAVE 1ST GRADERS YOU CAN LET THEM BE YOUR HELPER).

1. What does God want us to do? **Listen to Him.**
2. What happened when Samson stopped listening? **He lost his strength.**
3. Why is listening to God important? **God helps us.**
4. Who helps us make good choices? **God**



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ACTIVITY 1: LISTEN TO THE LEADER!

Items Needed: Commands

Connection: Just like God wanted Samson to listen, He wants us to listen and follow Him, too.

Step 1: Give children commands like Simon says but say The Leader Says only respond when you hear The Leader Says

Step 2: Commands The Leader Says: Raise hands, stomp feet, clap hands twice, etc.

Step 3: Say at the end of a couple of rounds, “God wants us to listen to Him!”

ACTIVITY 2: GOOD CHOICE/STOP DON'T MAKE A BAD CHOICE!

Items Needed: Red and green construction paper (one each per child)

Connection: Listening to God helps us make good choices and stop before bad choices grow bigger.

Step 1: Give each child one green paper and one red paper.

Explain: Green = Good choice, Red = Stop choice

Step 2: Practice once:

- Teacher says: “Sharing toys.”
- Kids hold up green.

Step 3: Mix up the choices from the list.

- **Good Choice (GREEN):** Listening to your parents, Sharing your toys, Saying a prayer, Helping a friend, Telling the truth, Walking away from trouble, Listening at church
- **Stop Choice (RED):** Not listening when someone says “stop”, Being unkind with words, Taking something that isn't yours, Ignoring rules, Yelling when you're angry, Staying where you shouldn't be

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

LISTENING EARS HEADBAND CRAFT

Items Needed: Precut -Paper headband strip, precut ear cutouts (using template) (paper or foam for the ears), glue or tape, crayons

Connection: God wants us to listen to Him and follow His ways.

Step 1: Distribute headband strips and ear cutouts.

Step 2: Let children color the ears.

Step 3: Help glue or tape the ears onto the headband.

Step 4: Fit the headband on each child's head.

SAMSON AND DELILAH COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Samson made a bad choice and told Delilah what God wanted him to protect.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

