

# Devotional – Listen

VL08F



Values

Elective 8: Obedience

## Opening

- Today, we learned about Obedience, now let's see what the bible says about that godly value.
- *Read, or someone read the Teaching verse. FYI: The memory verse is further down*

### Proverbs 4:20

My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words.

## Devotional

### Big picture

We need to listen to God's words

- Q: Who here is a good listener? Tell us why you think you are a good listener? (if no one/give example)
- Q: Can you obey someone if you didn't hear what they told you to obey? (No, not really)
- Q: Who is the son, God is speaking to in Proverbs 4:20, the teaching verse? (Not Jesus, but all of us).
- God calls each believer His son. The bible says Christians are sons & daughters of God because we are born again when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we take on a new life as God's son/daughter.
- So, in Proverbs, God, Our Heavenly Father, is commanding us to listen to His words.
- Q: Where can we hear God's words? (Reading, meditating, and praying on Bible)
- But it is not just about God speaking to us (which is pretty amazing of itself), because we have to pay attention to what He is saying to us or we may not hear Him.
- It's very sad to me that people miss hearing from Almighty God, creator of the universe just because they didn't pay attention and listen to Him. Talk about missing out on important information!
- When you listen to people, you are showing them great respect and honor. We all want that! Right?
- But people are so busy today that they don't take time to stop and pay close attention to anyone, including God. They think they have more important things to do, but what is more important than hearing from God? Nothing!
- Paying attention and listening means you stop whatever else you are doing (No Multi-tasking!) and actively engage your eyes, yours ears and your brain to the speaker and what He/She is saying.
- We need to listen to God's words. Why? Well, it's not just because He is God, but that is the most important reason. The second reason is because His words are life and health to those who listen.
- So, remember! Listen to God's words. Listen and Obey. You'll be glad you did!

## Memory Verse #3

*Ask if anybody knows it yet and can say it? Read it together 2X Consider having a memory verse pamphlet for kids take home.*

### John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## Topical Questions

### 1. Why don't we listen well?

*Too distracted, too busy, other things more important*

### 2. Has anyone ever read the Book of Proverbs before? It is full of godly wisdom for young boys!

### 3. God said if we listen to Him, His words will bring us life. How can His words bring us life?

## Closing Prayer

Dear Father God, we thank You for the opportunity to be your son simply by believing in Your eternal son Jesus. What an amazing gift. And, thank you for speaking to us through Your word the Bible. Help us to pay attention to those in authority over us and to listen to them, but especially help us to listen to You, Lord. Open our heart, mind and ears to what you have to say to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

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