

CITY LG – January 17th- 18th, 2026

Bible Story: The Wise and Foolish Builders • *Matthew 7:24-27 (Supporting: John 10:27-28)*

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 NIV

WORSHIP

Undefeated

Soldier On

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hi, everyone! I'm so glad you're here. This month, we're training with a Game Plan to grow stronger every day in our friendship with God. This Game Plan has four parts—talk about God, pray to God, hear from God, and live for God!

This week, we're continuing to learn about our Game Plan. We're learning: **practice hearing from God!**

Cup your hand to your ear with me. When we listen to Jesus and do what He says, our lives are strong like a house built on a rock. Say our Bottom Line with me: **Practice hearing from God!**

Great! Let's start off our time learning about hearing from God with a game called 'Rock or Sand'!

SLIDE: *Rock or Sand*

This is a listening game. When you hear the right word, you do the right move.

When I call 'Rock,' you freeze like a strong statue. Feet wide, knees strong, chin up, muscles out. Show me strong like a rock!

Have kids demonstrate their rock stance.

When I call 'Sand,' you melt safely to the floor like soft sand. Not a crash, just a gentle sit or knees-down. Alright? Let's try that! Show me soft like sand!

Have kids demonstrate melting safely to the floor.

We'll add music. When the music plays, just dance away. When I call out 'Rock' or 'Sand,' you listen fast and do it. Ready to practice?

AUDIO: *Upbeat music*

Start the music. After some time of dancing, stop the music and say:

Rock!

Pause as the kids freeze. Comment on their poses, then start the music again. After some time of dancing, stop the music and say:

Sand! *(Pause as the kids melt to the floor.)* Nice, soft, landings! Back to standing with space around you. Let's play a few more rounds.

Start the music. After some time of dancing, stop the music and call out "Rock" or "Sand." Play several rounds. End on "Rock."

Freeze where you are. That was awesome listening. You heard the word and you did the right thing. That's what people who follow Jesus do: they listen and follow. In the true story from the Bible that we're going to read today, Jesus teaches us that when we hear His words and do them, our lives are strong like a house on a rock.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

This month's Memory Verse is 1 Timothy 4:8. Let's read it together. *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.*

SLIDE: Theme

Like I said earlier, this month, we've been learning about a Game Plan to get closer to God! So can become Godly like out verse talks about.

Today, we're going to talk about another important part of our Game Plan—hear from God. We are going to talk about something Jesus taught us that will help us practice hearing from God.

But before we learn more about our true story from the Bible, let me share with you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the entire story of the Bible!

Why? Well, part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we can get to know Him! So as we go through the stories of the Bible, we'll get to know God!

We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together so we can learn about God! *(Gesture to slide.)*

SLIDE: God's Big Story

Today we're carrying along right in our journey through the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* We're at the part of the Bible where Jesus was on Earth, and He was teaching us about God and God's Kingdom. And Jesus would know about God and His Kingdom because He is God's Son Himself!

We're going to look at some of what Jesus taught us about hearing from God. Let's take a look.

VIDEO: Bible Story

The first step to doing what God says is hearing what God says! And that's what our Bottom Line says for this week.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Practice hearing from God

Today, Jesus taught us something powerful. He said listening to what God says and doing it is like a wise builder who built his house on a solid foundation.

The sad truth is that foolish people may hear what God says, but it doesn't sink in. They don't put it into action. So when tough times come, they don't have a firm foundation, and things fall apart.

But wise people practice truly hearing what God says—through reading or listening to the Bible, talking with people who love Jesus, and taking time to be quiet and listen for God's voice. And then ... they ask God to help them do what He says. And when difficult times show up ... those wise people are ready. They can stand strong!

This week, **practice hearing from God**. That could mean listening to what He is teaching you during this Bible Story time. You could remember one thing Jesus says, like 'be kind,' and try it at home with your little brother. That could mean listening when your grandma, who loves Jesus, tells you how she has seen God do good things her whole life, and when hard times come, you remember that God has always been good. You can listen at school when the Holy Spirit says in your heart, 'Go sit with that lonely kid at lunch,' and then do it.

Let's talk to God together. Bow your heads and close your eyes.

Dear Jesus, thank You that You speak to us. Teach us to listen to You this week and do what You say. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SLIDE: Theme

OFFERING

In Parkview Kids, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. This year we are collecting our offering money to help kids all the way on the other side of the world in a country in Africa called Malawi. Did you know that in this area many communities don't have access to clean water?

Slides: 1-4

We are helping a ministry called E3 which helps put in freshwater wells. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and they don't have to walk with heavy containers of water.

Help us raise money to provide wells in the communities in Malawi. We want you to go home and ask what YOU can do to raise money for these families in Africa!