

CITY LG – September 5th- 6th, 2026

Bible Story: How to Hear from God • *John 10:1-4, 14-16; Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 1:19-20*

Bottom Line: I can hear from God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27 NIV

WORSHIP

My God

Nothing is Impossible

SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everybody! Welcome to The City! I'm so excited to see all of you today! If you're ready to have some fun, let me hear you shout, 'I'm ready!'"

Okay, that was good. But I think we can turn up the volume even louder! Let's try that one more time. Everyone shout: 'I'M READY!'

This month we are talking every week about how to hear God. Our theme for this month is called: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.' But we need some focus and practice to tune into the voice of God. Like getting on the right frequency. Can you say that word with me? Frequency!"

Great job! Frequency might sound like a big word, but it's actually something you use all the time. It has to do with hearing, listening, and tuning in.

You might have seen an old-school radio before. It looks kind of like this.

TEACHING SLIDE 1 (Boom box with tuning dial)

You had to turn that dial until you could find the right station, because each station was on a different frequency. Sometimes it sounded like this.

AUDIO: Generic pop music cuts into classical music cuts into static cuts into worship music

And even when you found the right station, you had to fiddle with it a little to make that station clear!

We don't have to tune in a radio anymore. But have ever tried to hear what someone was saying ... and there was just too much noise? Maybe you were trying to listen to a friend while everyone around you was talking. Or someone called your name from another room, but the TV was on.

The voice was still there! But it was hard to hear. Today we're going to discover something really important: God is always speaking, and you can actually learn how to tune in to hear from Him!

Now it's time for our Memory Verse! These are words directly from Jesus—this is something Jesus wants us to know! And He taught us something really special. Jesus is like a shepherd, and we are like His sheep. Now, what does a shepherd do? A shepherd takes care of sheep! He keeps them safe, helps them find food, and leads them the right way.

And here's something really cool, the sheep know the shepherd's voice! When the shepherd calls them, they listen and follow him.

Let's pretend to be sheep for a second: 'Baa baa!'

If the shepherd calls, the sheep follow because they trust him. The shepherd knows his sheep. And Jesus knows you too! He knows your name, He knows what makes you happy, and He knows when you feel sad. He loves you, He cares about you, and He wants to lead you through life in the best way. Because our Good Shepherd is so good, we can trust Him every single day!

So here's our Memory Verse for this month.

SLIDE: Memory Verse *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27 NIV).*

SLIDE: Theme Background

Did you know that God is speaking to you too? He is! We just need to learn to hear Him and get familiar with His voice. He talks to us in lots of ways!

Today, we're going to discover what Jesus taught about hearing God's voice and the different ways God speaks to us. As we listen to the Bible Story, think about how you can learn to recognize God's voice in your own life.

VIDEO: Bible Story

Even though life can be full of noise and distractions, God is always speaking. He can speak to us through the Bible, through trusted people in our lives, and through the amazing world He created. We can know His voice through words and images in your heart as well, it's possible to hear Him with our ears, and God even speaks through dreams! As we spend more time with God, we begin to recognize His voice more clearly.

And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about. Let's check it out!

SLIDE: Bottom Line **I can hear from God.**

No matter who you are, God wants to talk to you! So, everywhere you go, ask Him to make His voice the loudest that you hear. There are so many distractions, but God speaks to you in so many ways!

Try to spend time every day reading or listening to God's Word and thinking about it so that when He does speak, you'll know if it sounds like Him.

If you think God might be saying something to you and you're not sure if it's Him, talk with a trusted grown-up who loves God. They can help you, and God might have put them in your life to help you hear from Him.

In time, you will start recognizing God's voice. Let's talk to the God who wants you to hear from Him!

God, thank You for loving us so much and for wanting a real relationship with each one of us. Thank You for being our Good Shepherd who knows us by name, cares for us, and leads us every day. We want to recognize Your voice in our lives. When things get noisy and distracting, remind us to listen for You. We want a conversation with You that goes on and on. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

SLIDE: Back to School Bash

We are celebrating back to school with a party in the City NEXT WEEKEND on September 12th & 13th! We will have games, prizes, crafts and tons of FUN! Bring your postcards home to show your family and invite your friends to church!

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

OFFERING

For our offering this year, We are helping a ministry called E3 which helps put in freshwater wells in Malawi. 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.

Children help carry water too! They have to travel so far that they have to miss school sometimes. And if they used the dirty water that is in their village, they would get very sick.

Check out this video someone from our Parkview team took of kids experiencing a brand new well in their village!

Missions Video 2

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