

ALLEY Rundown October 3rd- 4th, 2026

Bible Story: The Lord Calls Out to Samuel • 1 Samuel 3

Conversation Starter: What are you going to ask God to speak to you about?

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

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hi, everybody! How are all my friends today?! Turn to your neighbor and say 'nice shoes'! It's always good to start The Alley off with a compliment, isn't it?

This week, we're wrapping up our series called, 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God!' This final week we're going to talk about how we can ask God to speak to us.

With the idea of asking God to talk to us, I thought it made sense to play a nice little group game I like to call 'Phoney Baloney!'

GAME SLIDE 1: *Phoney Baloney! Title*

Our job is simple. Answer the phone!

We're going to hear one ring, and then someone from the Bible is going to talk to us. Our job is to figure out who it is by what they say. So, for example, if the person called you and they said: 'Hey, I'm a giant, and I'm about to go fight this young guy who only has a sling and a couple of rocks.' Who do you think is calling you? Goliath!

Okay, you ready? Let's go!

GAME SLIDE 2: *(King David audio)*

Any guesses of who it could be?

GAME SLIDE 3: *(King David answer)*

It's King David! Great job!

(Continue with more rounds as time allows. Game Slides 4-21 for more rounds are listed below.)

GAME SLIDE 4: *(Noah audio)*

GAME SLIDE 5: *(Noah answer)*

GAME SLIDE 6: *(Moses audio)*
GAME SLIDE 7: *(Moses answer)*

GAME SLIDE 8: *(Esther audio)*
GAME SLIDE 9: *(Esther answer)*

GAME SLIDE 10: *(Peter audio)*
GAME SLIDE 11: *(Peter answer)*

GAME SLIDE 12: *(John the Baptist audio)*
GAME SLIDE 13: *(John the Baptist answer)*

GAME SLIDE 14: *(Samson audio)*
GAME SLIDE 15: *(Samson answer)*

GAME SLIDE 16: *(Eve audio)*
GAME SLIDE 17: *(Eve answer)*

GAME SLIDE 18: *(Jonah audio)*
GAME SLIDE 19: *(Jonah answer)*

GAME SLIDE 20: *(Mary audio)*
GAME SLIDE 21: *(Mary answer)*

Anyone ever got a phone call like any of those before? I never in my life imagined King David would talk like he was born and raised in Brooklyn. Also, why is John the Baptist so excited? We are going to learn even more about hearing, but more so hearing from God.

Who here knows someone else's voice by heart? If you heard them talk, you would know instantly who that person is. Who can share about who that person is?

(Take some answers from the kids about whose voice they know.)

We know our friends' voices, our grown-ups, teachers—there are lots of people whose voices we know by heart!

Why? Because we spend time with them. I know my [person]'s voice because I've been around them for a long, long time. Not only do I know their voice, but I know some of their go-to phrases too. When you spend time with someone, you get to know their voice pretty well!

As we've been learning about hearing from God, we've covered some pretty awesome passages in the Bible. As we've seen, we can absolutely can hear from God, and God wants to speak to us, but it takes time spent with God to learn His voice! Let's check out what we're going to learn today from the So and So Show.

VIDEO: *So and So Show (12:55)*

Like Samuel did, we can ask God to speak to us. We don't have to sit back and hope that maybe one day God will speak—but we can initiate the conversation, and God will be faithful to respond.

As we ask, have eyes to be looking and ears to be listening for His voice. And when we hear it, when we experience God's presence through hearing His voice, thank Him, and then do what He says to do. It isn't about performing for God, it's about staying close to Him through obeying what He says.

Don't get discouraged if you don't hear Him! God wants to grow this forever-long friendship with you. Try again! Keep looking and listening. Keep praying. Keep asking! Ask God to speak to you.

Before we go to small group, I have a question I want you guys to think through.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter What are you going to ask God to speak to you about?

There are so many things we can ask God to speak to us about. And we don't just need to ask God to speak to us today—but every day! We can ask Him to remind us of His love for us. We can ask Him to help us with problems we're facing. We can ask Him to teach us things about ourselves, like how we can listen to Him best. We can ask Him to heal our hurts too. There's no shortage of things we can ask God to speak to us about!

What is something that deep down you know you would love to hear God speak to in your life? What is something that the voice of God could bring peace to your life about? Is there a hurt you want God to heal? Does your heart need joy like we talked about last week? Do you just want to deepen your friendship with Him?

In your small groups, let's talk about these things that we want God to speak to us about, and then let's pray for one another over them. We're all growing closer to God together!

Let's talk to the God who wants to speak to us."

Jesus, thank You that You want to speak to us, and You meet us where we are. Thank You that You know each of us inside and out, and You know exactly how to speak to our hearts and what our hearts need to hear. Please speak to each of my friends here in ways that they would be able to hear. Please help Your voice to bring peace, joy, healing, and love to each person's heart in this room. Please give us eyes to be looking and ears to be listening for You as we go throughout our weeks. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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: 5-8

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 like you see in these pictures.

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. 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!