

LESSON FROM SHELLY:

Below is a lesson plan that the parents could use to teach their children for this Sunday, 3/29/20.

PRAYER

Have your child or children to open this time with prayer. This will help them realize how natural it is to pray. (Demonstrate for them.)

OPENER

Have the children close their eyes. Ask them if they can see with their eyes opened or closed and why or why not.

Have the children put their fingers in their ears and then take them out. Ask them if they can hear with their ears opened or closed and why or why not..

You can also have a little game of Simon says while they are sitting at the tables (not standing up) and say "Simon says close your eyes or close your ears" as an introduction to the lesson.

BIBLE VERSE

Exodus 15:26 – *“Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His eyes.”*

(Maybe ask your children to read it out loud just to get them used to reading from the Bible.)

BIBLE LESSON

Sometimes you might think that only grown-ups need to listen to God. But God wants everyone ... for their whole lives - to listen to Him.

Questions to ask:

Is this true? If so, why do you believe it is true?

What does God say in His word?

If they say yes, let's look at Exodus 15:26.

When you listen to someone, it is important to pay careful attention to what the person says and does.

Why do we need to pay careful attention to what a person is saying? Does it really matter? Yes or No?

Should we listen to our parents, teachers, as well as, each other because it matters to them?

Do we want others to pay attention to what we are saying and doing because it is important to us?

BIBLE LESSON APPLICATION

Since we all agreed that we need to pay attention, let's find out how good we are at paying attention.

Ask the children to look at you for 10 seconds, paying attention to the details of how you are dressed.

Ask children to close their eyes (or you may briefly step out of the room). Quickly change one detail about how you are dressed (remove glasses, take off a sweater, roll up sleeves, etc.)

Ask children to carefully look at you again, trying to identify the change you made. After change is identified, or after 30 seconds, repeat activity.

Vary the difficulty of changes made according to the age of the children. As children are guessing changes, comment occasionally about the way in which they are paying careful attention.

LESSON SUMMARY AND VERSE REINFORCEMENT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does this verse (Exodus 15:26) say about listening and paying attention? (Listening to God's voice helps us know how to love and obey Him.)

What are different ways that we can listen to God's voice? (As we read and hear Bible Stories and as we pray to Him.)

Who are some people you listen to?

When can it be hard to remember to listen to God?
(When someone wants you to do wrong?)

Who are some people who help you listen to God?

How can you help others listen to God?
(Pray for them. Talk with them about what you read in God's Word.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lead children in prayer, asking God's help in listening to Him and doing what's right in His eyes.