



Does God Speak To Kids?

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 8:16, "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." (ASV)

BOTTOM LINE:

The Holy Spirit leads me by the inward witness.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

- In this lesson you will answer the question of whether God speaks to kids.
- You will also answer the question of how God speaks to us.

Does God speak to kids? Emphatically, yes! God spoke to kids in the Bible and He still speaks to kids today. When kids get saved and filled with the Spirit, they don't get a junior Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside of kids just like He lives inside of their parents. Many times kids are more sensitive to the voice of God than adults are.

Think about Samuel and Eli. God spoke to young Samuel because Eli had consistently disobeyed the Lord. God used a young King Josiah to turn Israel back to God, after his father had led the nation into idol worship.

God speaks to us through our spirit. There are three parts of man: spirit, soul and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). The Holy Spirit does not live in your mind or your body. The Holy Spirit lives inside of your spirit man. God is a spirit and He talks to us through our spirit man.

God speaks to us through the inward witness. In fact, the most frequent way that God talks to us is through the inward witness. The inward witness is not a voice, it is an inward sense. The Bible says it like this, "the Spirit himself



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bears witness with our spirit.” It is like this, you may be thinking about doing something and it just doesn’t seem right or it may even seem wrong. It is kind of like an inward stoplight. You start to make a decision and you get a red light on the inside. What is that? That is the inward witness. Kids don’t need to wait until they grow up to get the inward witness. They have it right now. Many times kids are asking their parents to do something and they already know they shouldn’t do it, but they are just hoping mom and dad will say yes.

Learn to listen to the inward witness, because the Holy Spirit leads you through the inward witness.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #2
_____	6. Bottom Line:	The Holy Spirit leads me by the inward witness.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Romans 8:16, "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." (ASV)
_____	8. Drama:	Low Price Lou: "Florida Swamp Land For Sale"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	God's Stoplight
_____	10. Short Film:	The Experiment
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Red Light, Green Light
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	

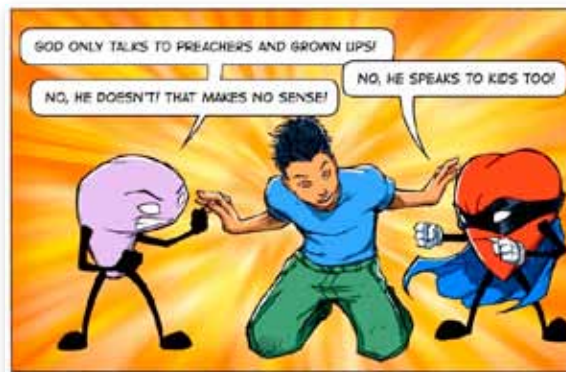


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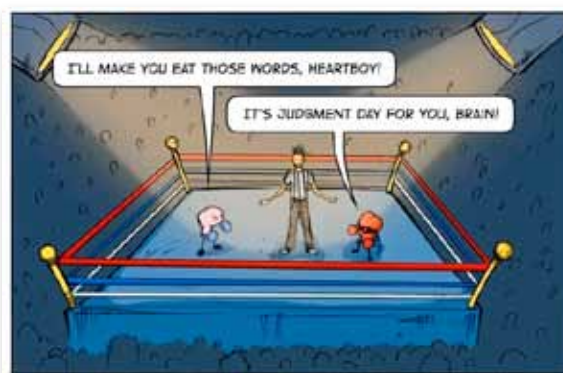
MOTION COMIC:
The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Holy Spirit: Episode #2

TO THE KIDS:

- That was fun!
- What were Brain and Heart Boy fighting about?
- What did Brain say?
- What did Heart Boy say?
- What do you think? Does God talk to kids? Absolutely! God speaks to kids!
- How does God talk to kids?
- The Bible says, "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit."
- This brings us to the bottom line for today, "The Holy Spirit leads me by the inward witness."



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Low Price Lou: “Florida Swamp Land For Sale”

CHARACTERS: Low Price Lou

PROPS: Thick contract
Pen

DRAMA SCRIPT:

(LPL enters carrying a thick contract and a pen.)

LPL: Have I got a deal for you!

Teacher: LPL?

LPL: The one and only, that is until I start selling franchises of myself.

Teacher: What are you doing here?

LPL: What are any of us doing here? I’ll tell you what, looking for the deal of a lifetime.

Teacher: The deal of a lifetime?

LPL: That’s right! I have a real estate opportunity and you’re the only one I like enough to offer this once in a lifetime deal!

Teacher: Really? Me? I’m flattered!

LPL: All you have to do is give me a signed blank check, and sign this mysterious and somewhat confusing contract. Then you will be the proud new owner of land as far as the eye can see.

Teacher: As far as the eye can see?

LPL: So long as you’re standing in the right spot...and looking down.

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**LOW PRICE LOU: "Florida Swamp Land For Sale" Drama Script — Continued**

- Teacher: Where is this land?
- LPL: It's undeveloped right now, but in time it could be a jackpot. A time share vacation resort or even a gold mine!
- Teacher: Huh? My inward witness is telling me that this may not be such a good deal to get in to.
- LPL: Don't listen to that. Listen to me.
- Teacher: I don't know. What do you think boys and girls?
- (The kids agree with Teacher.)
- Teacher: I don't think this offer is for us.
- LPL: But this beautiful piece of land is in Florida.
- Teacher: Florida? I love Florida.
- LPL: There's no more beautiful place under the sun. So, sign here.
- Teacher: Well, I don't know. Is it waterfront land?
- LPL: Sure, why not. Waterfront, waterback, water everywhere!
- Teacher: Wait, my inward witness is telling me NO WAY! This sounds like Florida swamp land or something.
- LPL: Rats! Who told you the deal was scam?
- Teacher: The Inward Witness! The Holy Spirit speaks to me and warns me of danger.
- LPL: Well, I sure hope everyone in town doesn't have this inward witness thing or I'll be out of business in a hurry.

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LOW PRICE LOU: "Florida Swamp Land For Sale" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: You're trying to trick us Lou. I think you should just get out of here.

LPL: Alright pal, I'll leave, but first could I interest you in purchasing the beautiful Brooklyn Bridge? I just acquired this one of a kind gem and need to get free of it. I'll give you some kinda special deal.

Teacher: You get out of here Lou!

LPL: How about you boys and girls? You wanna buy some ...

Teacher: We're not buying it.

Lou exits.

Teacher: Thank you Lord for the inward witness to help us make good decisions.
Amen!

THE END



OBJECT LESSON

God's Stoplight

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Romans 8:16

TAKE HOME POINT:

The inward witness is like a stoplight on the inside of us.

WHAT YOU NEED:

A toy stoplight, or a power-point picture of a stoplight.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

The Bible says that the Holy Spirit bears witness with your spirit. This is the number one way that God leads all of His children. We will refer to this particular leading as the inward witness.

The inward witness is a "spiritual feeling" on the inside of your spirit. The inward witness is like a stoplight that the Lord put on the inside of each one of us.

For example, one of your friends at school might ask you to help him steal a candy bar from the grocery store. You don't have to pray about it; you just "know" by the inward witness that it is wrong thing to do. You have a "bad feeling" inside of you when you think about it. That is the red light telling you, "No, don't do it."

Maybe you are hanging with some kids at school and one of them starts to tell some dirty jokes and you get a "yucky feeling" on the inside. What is that? That is the inward witness telling you not to spend a lot of time with this kid.

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God's Stoplight Object Lesson — continued

On the other hand, sometimes you meet somebody for the first time. You don't really know them, but you have a "good feeling" about hanging out with them. It feels right on the inside. What Anne of Green Gables would call a "kindred spirit." What is that? That is the green light saying, "This is a good friend."

The inward witness will help you choose your friends. Your friends are very important because you become like your friends.

The inward witness will help you choose what kind of shows to watch on T. V. , what movies to see, and what music to listen to.

The inward witness will tell you who to marry when you grow up and what job to work at.

Learn to follow the inward witness. If you do you will be successful in everything that you do.

**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON*****Red Light, Green Light***

- **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** The inward witness is simple. Just obey the stoplight in you.
- **WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Play a game of "Red Light, Green Light."
 - Have one child stand on one side of the room and 10 kids on the other side. (You can adjust numbers for your room size.)
 - The child that is standing by himself turns his back and calls out "Green Light."
 - All of the other children run toward him until he calls out "Red Light." At this point, players have to "freeze."
 - If anyone fails to stop they have to start over.
 - Keep playing until one player tags the person who is leading the game.
 - Now the winner gets to lead the game.
 - Keep playing as long as you want.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Did you notice who won the game? It was the kids who were quick to go on the "green light" and quick to stop on the "red light." Following God works the same way. The inward witness is like a "red light" or a "green light." When you get the "green light" on the inside, be quick to obey. When you get the "red light" on the inside, be quick to obey. Sometimes we see a "red light" as a bad thing, but a "red light" protects you. The Holy Spirit will protect you from bad things, but you have to obey. It doesn't cost to obey the inward witness, it pays. Learn to follow the inward witness and you will always be a success.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of "The Masked Hero" download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Romans 8:16 says, "The Spirit himself _____ with our spirit."
A. eats jello
B. is sleeping
C. beareth witness
D. prays a lot
2. The Holy Spirit leads me by _____.
A. goose bumps
B. my friends
C. visions of angels
D. the inward witness
3. Does God speak to kids?
A. Yes
B. No
C. Only boys
D. Only girls
4. The inward witness is like a _____.
A. stop sign
B. stoplight
C. policeman
D. blowing wind
5. The Holy Spirit lives in _____.
A. my spirit
B. my soul
C. my body
D. my mind



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Low Price Lou: "Florida Swamp Land For Sale" — Pages 5-7

Characters

_____ Low Price Lou

Props (Low Price Lou Costume)

_____ Thick contract

_____ Pen

Object Lesson: God's Stoplight — Pages 8-9

_____ toy stoplight, or a powerpoint picture of a stoplight

Inter-Active Lesson: Red Light, Green Light — Page 10

No Props Needed

Small Group: The Inward Witness

No Props Needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed?