



The Inward Voice

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 8:14, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." (NLT)

BOTTOM LINE:

The Holy Spirit speaks to me through my conscience.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

There are three points to remember about the inward voice:

1. The first way that the Holy Spirit leads me is by the inward witness.
2. The second way that the Holy Spirit leads is by the inward voice.
3. Don't allow your conscience to become seared.

The first way that the Holy Spirit leads me is by the inward witness.

I say first because this is the most common way that the Holy Spirit leads. The inward witness is not a voice, it's a spiritual sense. It is like a red light or green light. You start to do something and it just seems wrong or it seems right.

The second way that the Holy Spirit leads is by the inward voice.

The inward voice is the voice of your spirit. Your spirit has a voice just like your body has a voice. Your body says things to you like, "I'm hungry." The voice of your spirit is your conscience.

Don't allow your conscience to become seared.

In the Bible it talks about Christians whose conscience had become seared. Sometimes you will see Christians who do bad things and it doesn't seem to bother them. Why are they able to do things that they know are wrong? Because their conscience is seared. This is a scary place to be, because God speaks to you through your conscience. If you allow your conscience to become seared, you are in a place where you can't hear from God.



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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 #3
_____	6. Bottom Line:	The Holy Spirit speaks to me through my conscience.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Romans 8:14, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." (NLT)
_____	8. Drama:	Mighty Max: "Time To Unplug"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	The Candle of the Lord
_____	10. Short Film:	Apple Pie Caper
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Protect Your Egg
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



MOTION COMIC:
The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Holy Spirit: Episode #3

TO THE KIDS:

- Wow! That's a bummer.
- Johnny and Brain wanted to take the shortcut to the park, but what did Heart Boy say?
- Why did Brain want to take the shortcut?
- Did Johnny listen to his heart? Johnny had a bad feeling in his heart, but he did not listen.
- What was the end result?
- It pays to listen to the Holy Spirit. How does the Holy Spirit lead us?
- Let's look at the bottom line, "The Holy Spirit speaks to me through my conscience."



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Mighty Max: "Time To Unplug"

CHARACTERS: Mighty Max

PROPS: Headphones
ipod
Cell phone

DRAMA SCRIPT:

Teacher: Boys and girls, today we have a special guest. Please welcome Mighty Max!

Mighty Max enters. He is listening to music, playing games on his ipod, and talking on a cell phone all at once.

Teacher: Max, would you mind turning that stuff off for a minute?

Mighty Max: Uh, I can hear you. Sort of.

Teacher: But Max, remember why you're here? You agreed to talk to the boys and girls about how God speaks to kids.

Mighty Max: That's just it. God hasn't spoken to me all day.

Teacher: Really, all day God hasn't spoken to you?

Mighty Max: Yeah, I mean, it's weird. Nothing, nada, zilch.

Teacher: Well, what have you been doing all day?

Mighty Max: Huh?

Teacher takes off Max's headphones so he can hear.

Teacher: I asked what have you been doing all day?

Mighty Max: Oh, nothin' really! Hanging out waiting to hear from God, playing games, listening to music, surfing the web, not much!

Teacher: Have you been doing all that at the same time?

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Mighty Max: "Time To Unplug" Drama Script — Continued

Mighty Max: Sure! You gotta multi-task.

Teacher: Actually, I find that its easier to hear from God when I turn off all the distractions, I get quiet and just listen.

Mighty Max: Really, just sit there and listen?

Teacher: Yup, maybe God’s speaking to you and you can’t hear Him with all the noise.

Mighty Max: Maybe you’re right. Maybe I just need to unplug for a while and listen.

Max turns everything off.

Teacher: Do you hear anything yet?

Mighty Max: Just some kid’s stomach growling.

Teacher: Try not to get distracted.

Mighty Max: Wait! I do hear something. Wow! I think God speaks to kids!

Teacher: I believe He does!

Mighty Max: And who would have guessed I’d just have to listen?

Teacher: I’m glad that we could help, Max!

Mighty Max: I think I’ll go find a nice quiet place to sit and listen to God.

Mighty Max: Bye kids!

Teacher: Just like Max some of us may have a hard time hearing God speak to us until we learn to really listen. So be sure to give God your full attention.

THE END

**OBJECT LESSON*****The Candle of the Lord*****SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:**

Proverbs 20:27

TAKE HOME POINT:

God will guide us through our spirit.

WHAT YOU NEED:

1 large candle and 1 package of matches.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

The Bible says that the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. What does that mean? That means God will enlighten us or guide us through our spirit. Did you notice this verse didn't say, "The spirit of God is the candle of the Lord," it says, "The **spirit of man** is the candle of the Lord." God speaks to man through his spirit.

Let me demonstrate. (Light the candle and turn off the lights.) The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. When we listen to our spirits, we are listening to God. Some Christians don't follow their spirits. (Blow out the candle, leave the room dark.) These Christians are walking in darkness. They think they can figure everything out by themselves. You can see if we aren't following our spirit, then we are walking in darkness. (Relight the candle.)

Your spirit has a voice. Your conscience is the voice of your spirit. Your conscience is a still, small voice. Have you ever walked past your messy bedroom and heard a voice say, "Remember, Mom told you to clean your room?" That

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The Candle of the Lord Object Lesson — continued

wasn't your mom talking. It was a voice inside of you. The voice of your spirit. What should you do? Always obey your conscience.

Have you ever been tempted to steal a candy bar at the grocery store and you heard a voice say, "No?" You don't have to pray about it. You know that it is wrong, because your conscience spoke to you.

Learn to quickly obey your conscience because God talks to you through your conscience. When you obey your conscience you are obeying God.

Some of you are asking your parents if you can do something and you already know you shouldn't do that, but you are hoping that Mom and Dad will let you do it.

Stop depending on Mom and Dad to obey God for you. You have the Holy Spirit inside of you. You don't have to wait until you grow up to get a conscience. Take time to get quiet, listen to your conscience and obey quickly. If you learn how to obey your conscience you will always be a success.

**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON*****Protect Your Egg***

- **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** You need to keep your conscience tender.
- **WHAT YOU NEED:** Eggs for each child (if the numbers are too great, just buy 1 dozen eggs), paper towels and a trash can.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
- At the beginning of your service hand out the eggs to the children.
 - Instruct them it is their responsibility to protect their egg and keep it in their hand at all times.
 - If a child drops an egg, stop the class and have the children clean it up right away. You can get the other kids to help clean if you want.
- **CONCLUSION:**
- At the end of class give a prize to any kids who still have unbroken eggs.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Your conscience is like an egg. It is very tender and it is supposed to stay that way. If you feel pain in your conscience you should stop what you are doing and make changes, just like we stopped what we were doing to clean up the broken eggs. Your conscience is your responsibility. No one else will protect your conscience for you. You have to do it. Mom and Dad may make some rules, but they don't know what is in your heart. Only you and God know that. The Bible talks about some Christians who didn't protect their conscience. They allowed their conscience to become seared. How did this happen? How did they sear their own conscience? Simply by not listening to their conscience. Every time that you disobey your conscience, it becomes a little bit harder. This is a scary place to be because you are in a place where you can't hear God. If you allow your conscience to become seared you are walking in darkness. Protect your conscience. Be quick to hear and quick to obey. If you learn how to do this 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 8:14 says, “For all who are led by the ____ are children of God.”
A. voice of your body
B. voice of reason
C. Spirit of God
D. Casper the friendly ghost
2. The first way God leads me is by ____.
A. the inward witness
B. my inner thoughts
C. my belly button
D. my rubber ducky
3. The second way that God leads me is by ____.
A. the inward voice
B. the outer voice
C. the outer limits
D. Captain America
4. The voice of my spirit is ____.
A. my feelings
B. my anger
C. my conscience
D. whatever pops into my head
5. How do I protect my conscience?
A. Listen and obey
B. Listen and disobey
C. Pretend to not hear
D. Ask my friends



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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)

Mighty Max: "Time To Unplug" — Pages 4-5

Characters

_____ Mighty Max

Props (Mighty Max Costume)

_____ Headphones

_____ ipod

_____ Cell phone

Object Lesson: The Candle of the Lord— Pages 6-7

_____ 1 large candle

_____ 1 package of matches

Inter-Active Lesson: Protect Your Egg— Page 8

_____ Eggs for each child (if the numbers are too great, just buy 1 dozen eggs)

_____ Paper towels

_____ Trash can

Small Group: The Inward Voice

No props needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed?