



# 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

## THE INWARD VOICE

No Props Needed

Small Group Notes

### LESSON:

- The inward voice is the voice of your spirit.
- Your spirit has a voice just like your body has a voice.
- The voice of your spirit is your conscience.
- It is not an audible voice, but a voice on the inside of you.
- The inward voice is what communicates to Father God.
- God wants to talk to you and one way He does is by the inward voice.
- Don't allow your conscience to become seared.
- Sometimes you will see Christians do bad things and it doesn't seem to bother them.
- The reason why is their conscience is seared.

### SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Have the children sit and get quiet, closing their eyes. It works well to softly sing a worship song.
- You want to create a quiet atmosphere.
- Tell the children to keep their eyes shut and listen on the inside.
- Give them a few minutes and then ask them what they heard.
- Allow them to respond.

*This is a great way to give children confidence in hearing the inward voice.*

### SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

### HOLY SPIRIT: 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.



## 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

### ICE BREAKER Questions:

#### Question #713:

- If you could go spend the night - ANYWHERE, where would that be?

#### Question #323:

- Do you have a favorite video game?
- What is it and why?

### ICE BREAKER Game:

#### Follow The Leader

- Have the children stand in a circle.
- Play a couple rounds of "Follow the Leader".
- Lead them around the circle and have them copy everything you do.
- Be silly and have fun - jump up and down, clap your hands, pick your nose, pat your head, or sing a song!



## 2. BIBLE Time

### READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Samuel (pages 49 & 50)*  
*3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: 1 Samuel 3*

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

### BIBLE STORY:

#### God Speaks To Samuel

### BIBLE CONNECTION:

*Eli the priest was training young Samuel. One night while Samuel was sleeping he heard a voice say, "Samuel." Samuel got up and went to Eli and Eli told him he did not call him and told him to go back to bed. This happened two more times. This time Eli told him to go back to bed and listen; it was the Lord who was calling him. The Lord did call Samuel and shared with him about the future.*

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Samuel live with Eli? (Eli was training Samuel)
2. Who was the voice that was calling Samuel while he was sleeping? (the Lord)
3. How many times did the Lord call Samuel? (4)
4. What did the Lord tell Samuel? (He spoke to him about the future of Israel)

**POINT TO MAKE:** *God wanted to speak to Samuel, but Samuel didn't know it was God speaking to him. Eli had to tell Samuel to listen and if he heard the Lord call again, to tell Him He was listening.*