Children: Learning to Listen to God's Voice



Discover how children can hear and recognize God's voice in their lives through faith, prayer, and Scripture across seven transformative days.





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Introduction

Listening to God's voice is a precious gift, especially for children. In a world full of noise and distractions, learning how to hear and respond to God's guidance is foundational to nurturing a close, personal relationship with Him. This seven-day study is designed to help young hearts and those guiding them understand the importance, practices, and blessings of tuning into God's voice.

Children are naturally curious and open, qualities that make them wonderfully receptive to God's direction. Throughout these seven days, we will explore key biblical passages, revealing how God speaks to His youngest followers through His Word, prayer, and the gentle urging of the Holy Spirit.

Each day presents a focused theme and practical devotionals to help children develop spiritual ears. We will start with understanding who God is and how He desires to communicate, then move on to observing how God spoke in the Bible, and finally, how children today can listen and respond faithfully.

This study encourages reflection and journaling, prompting young learners to consider their own experiences and feelings as they grow in faith. With prayerful guidance and a heart open to God's voice, children learn that God is always near, ready to lead and comfort them along life's journey. Let's embark on this inspiring adventure together and encourage children to listen deeply to the God who loves them endlessly.

















Your Verse

1 Samuel 3:10 - 'The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."'

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 34:11 "Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD."
- Isaiah 30:21 "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"







Devotional: God Calls Children and Wants Us to Listen

God desires to speak directly to children, just as He did to Samuel. In 1 Samuel 3, a young boy named Samuel hears God calling his name in the night. At first, he does not recognize who is speaking, but with guidance, Samuel learns to listen and respond. This story reminds us that children are fully capable of hearing God and receiving His messages.

Sometimes, hearing God's voice might be quiet or unexpected. Just like Samuel, children need to be ready and willing to say, "Speak, for your servant is listening." God wants to guide and teach them through His Word and His gentle whisper.

Psalm 34 invites children to listen carefully to God's teachings, and Isaiah promises that God will always direct us when we tune our hearts to Him. Practicing listening skills—being quiet, praying, and reading the Bible—helps children recognize God's voice amidst many distractions.

Encourage your heart today to prepare a listening ear for God. He speaks with love, wisdom, and hope, and He wants you to hear Him clearly.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you know when God is speaking to you?
2.	What can you do to be more ready to hear God's voice every day?
3.	Have you ever felt God guiding you quietly? What happened?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time you felt someone was trying to get your attention. How did you respond?
2.	List three ways you can practice listening to God this week.
3.	Draw or describe what you imagine when you hear God's voice.







Prayer for Today

Dear God, thank You for calling me by name and wanting to speak to me. Help me to be quiet here in my heart, to listen carefully to Your voice, and to trust what You say. Teach me how to recognize Your gentle whisper and guide me each day. I want to hear You and follow where You lead. Thank You for loving me so much and for being with me always. *Amen*.



















Your Verse

Psalm 119:105 - 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.'

Supporting Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."
- John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."







Devotional: The Bible Lights Our Path and Speaks God's Voice

The Bible is one of the clearest ways God speaks to children today. Psalm 119:105 compares God's word to a lamp lighting a path, helping us walk safely and wisely. When we read the Bible, we hear God's instructions, promises, and love.

As John 10:27 tells us, Jesus' followers listen to His voice, like sheep recognize their shepherd. When children read or hear Scripture, their hearts learn to know and trust God's unique voice through the stories and teachings.

2 Timothy reminds us that the Bible is inspired by God and is useful in every part of our lives—teaching us, correcting mistakes, encouraging good choices, and shaping our character.

Making time daily to read Scripture with an open heart helps children grow sensitive to God's voice. They begin to understand His ways and feel His presence guiding them through life's challenges and joys.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What is your favorite Bible story or verse, and why?
2.	How can God's Word guide you when you feel confused or scared?
3.	In what ways can you listen to God's voice through Scripture each day?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write down a Bible verse that encourages you.
2.	Describe a time when God's Word helped you make a good choice.
3.	Draw a picture of a lamp lighting a path and think about what that means







Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for giving us the Bible to hear Your voice. Help me to love reading Your Word and to understand what You want to say to me. Please light up the path I walk so I won't be afraid or lost. Teach me to remember Your promises and to trust You every day. I want to follow You and listen closely. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*



















Your Verse

Philippians 4:6 - 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray continually."
- Jeremiah 29:12 "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."







Devotional: Prayer Opens Our Hearts to Hear God

Prayer is a special way children can listen and speak to God anytime, anywhere. Sometimes we talk to God, and sometimes we need to be quiet and listen. Philippians encourages us to bring all of our worries and hopes to God with thankful hearts.

Prayer is not just about asking for things; it is about building a friendship where children can share their feelings openly and tune in to God's response. 1 Thessalonians reminds us to pray all the time, which helps us keep a close connection to God's voice.

God promises in Jeremiah that He listens when we call to Him. By practicing silent times and praying regularly, children learn to notice the gentle nudges and peace that are God's answers.

Encourage moments of calm prayer today where children simply listen for God's voice after speaking. This balance helps hearts understand God's love and directions clearly.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you talk to God when you are happy or worried?
2.	Have you ever felt calm or peaceful after praying? What did that feel like?
3.	In what ways can you practice listening for God's answers during prayer?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a prayer to God telling Him what's on your heart.
2.	Draw a quiet place where you feel close to God when you pray.
3.	List three things you can thank God for today.







Prayer for Today

Dear God, thank You for listening when I talk to You. Help me to pray every day and to be still so I can hear Your voice. Teach me to trust Your answers, even when they come quietly. Please be near and guide my heart. I want to follow You with joy and peace. *Amen.*



















Day 4: Recognizing God's Whisper

Your Verse

1 Kings 19:12 – 'After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.'

Supporting Scriptures

- John 14:26 "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."
- Zephaniah 3:17 "The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."







Day 4: Recognizing God's Whisper

Devotional: God's Voice Is Gentle and Loving

God often speaks softly, like a gentle whisper, rather than loud noises or grand events. In 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elijah looks for God in powerful things like an earthquake and fire but finds Him in a quiet whisper instead. This reminds us that God's voice can be very gentle and easy to miss if we are not paying attention.

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit helps us remember and understand what God wants to teach us. This Spirit often nudges our hearts softly, guiding and comforting us.

Zephaniah tells us that God rejoices over us with love. When we listen carefully, we can sense His tender care in that quiet whisper. Learning to recognize this still, small voice takes patience and practice, but it is how God leads children in truth and love.

Today, encourage quiet moments and invite God's gentle whisper into your heart. Practice listening beyond the noise for His peaceful guidance.







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Journaling Prompts

	Describe or draw what God's gentle whisper feels like or sounds like to you.
2.	Write about a time you felt God's peace quietly in your heart.
3.	Make a list of ways you can be still and listen for God today.







Day 4: Recognizing God's Whisper

Prayer for Today

Dear Heavenly Father, please help me to hear Your gentle voice when You speak to me. Teach me to be still and patient, so I don't miss Your loving whisper. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to guide and comfort me every day. I want to listen closely and follow Your loving ways. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*



















Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 - 'Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."
- Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."







Devotional: Faithfully Trust When You Hear God's Voice

After we hear God's voice, trusting and obeying His guidance is key to walking with Him well. Proverbs 3 teaches children to trust God completely, even when they don't fully understand what is happening around them. When we submit our plans to Him, He promises to direct our steps along the right path.

God watches over us carefully and lovingly, as Psalm 32 describes, teaching and guiding with wise counsel. Isaiah reminds us not to be afraid because God is always with us, giving strength and comfort.

Trust can be hard, especially for children who want to know all the answers right away. But trusting God means believing He loves us and knows best. This trust helps children respond to God's voice with faith, even when the way ahead seems uncertain.

Today, think about ways you can show trust in God's directions and find courage in His constant presence.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean to trust God with your whole heart?
2.	Can you think of a time when trusting God helped you feel less afraid?
	How can you follow God's guidance, even when you don't understand everything?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time you trusted someone you love. How does that help you trust God?
2.	Draw or describe what trusting God looks like in your life.
3.	List things you can do when you feel afraid or unsure.







Prayer for Today

Dear God, help me to trust You with all my heart. Even when I don't understand what is happening, remind me that You are guiding me and I am never alone. Thank You for watching over me and caring for me every day. Give me courage to follow You no matter what. *Amen.*



















Day 6: OF Following God's Voice with Joy

Your Verse

Psalm 100:1-2 - 'Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the LORD is your strength."
- Psalm 16:11 "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."







Day 6: Following God's Voice with Joy

Devotional: Joy Comes from Following God's Voice

When children listen and follow God's voice, joy naturally flows from their hearts. Psalm 100 encourages us to worship God with gladness and shout for joy, celebrating His loving care.

Nehemiah reminds us that the joy God gives is our true strength. It lifts us up and helps us keep going even when life is difficult.

Psalm 16 tells us that knowing God's path brings deep happiness and fills us with peace. Following God is never dull or scary when we remember He delights in us and wants the best for our lives.

Today, celebrate the joyful journey of listening to God and following His voice. Praise Him for the wonderful plans He has for you and share that joy with others.







Day 6: 🌣 Following God's Voice with Joy

Reflect and Apply

1.	What makes you feel joyful when you think about God?
2.	How can joy help you listen and obey God better?
3.	What are ways you can share God's joy with others?







Day 6: 🌣 Following God's Voice with Joy

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a happy time when you felt close to God.
2.	Draw a picture or describe a joyful song you would sing to God.
3.	List ways you can thank God with joy today.







Day 6: 🎔 Following God's Voice with Joy

Prayer for Today

Jesus, thank You for the joy You give when I follow You. Help me to always listen to Your voice and celebrate Your love with gladness. Fill my heart with happiness and courage so I can shine Your light to others. I want to walk in Your joy every day. *Amen.*











Day 7: Living as God's Loved Child









Day 7: 6 Living as God's Loved Child

Your Verse

1 John 3:1 - 'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!'

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 8:15 "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship."
- John 1:12 "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."







Day 7: 🌈 Living as God's Loved Child

Devotional: Embracing Our Identity as God's Children

As children learn to listen and follow God's voice, they embrace their true identity as God's beloved children. 1 John 3 celebrates the incredible love God pours out, calling us His own.

This adoption is not just a label but a deep relationship in which God cares for us tenderly and guides us constantly. Romans reminds us that the Holy Spirit brings us into God's family, replacing fear with love and confidence.

John teaches that believing and receiving Jesus gives us the right to be God's children, treasured and protected.

Living as God's loved child means trusting His voice, walking joyfully in His ways, and sharing His love with others. This week's journey ends with celebrating that God's voice is not only heard but transforms us as His precious children.







Day 7: 🌈 Living as God's Loved Child

Reflect and Apply

1.	What does being called a child of God mean to you?
2.	How does knowing God loves you change the way you listen to Him?
3.	How can you show others that you are God's child through your actions?







Day 7: 🌈 Living as God's Loved Child

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a letter to God thanking Him for loving you as His child.
2.	Draw a picture of yourself as a child of God listening to His voice.
3.	List ways you can share God's love with friends and family.







Day 7: 6 Living as God's Loved Child

Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for loving me so much that You call me Your child. Help me to always listen to Your voice and live in the joy and peace of being part of Your family. Teach me to reflect Your love to the world around me. I am so glad to be Yours. *Amen.*









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