

What Can I Do

Week 1

BIG IDEA

I can listen to God's voice.

BIBLE

Jesus and John the Baptist: Mark 1:4-11; Psalm 29

Check-in

Ava: Play 5 minute countdown at 9:25/11:25

When checking in kids please make sure that every one is entering the correct age group and check their tags! If their tag doesn't match please get Kayleah or Rachel before allowing the kiddo to enter Freedom KIDS.

Check-In: Kelly C./Jordan

LARGE GROUP TIME

Welcome-Carlos

Welcome to our series, *What Can I Do?* Now a lot of times, when we're thinking about what we can do, we tend to think about what we might do when we grow up, but guess what? There are so many amazing things you can do to change the world around you *right now!* Let's take a look at what Jesus showed us as he began doing God's work.

WELCOME

Welcome first time guests and explain bible bucks (100)

- Bible bucks for Bibles (10)

- Remind to turn in homework (150) and say verse (100)

- ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

POLL | The Voice- Carlos

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids turn around and face the back of the room. Say a bunch of maxims or pieces of advice, both serious and silly. Have kids turn around if it's something they feel like they should listen to. Have everyone face backwards before each saying. Here are some suggestions . . .
 - Don't talk with your mouth full.
 - Jump on the bed as high as you can.
 - Cover your mouth when you sneeze.
 - Never wash your socks.
 - Look both ways before crossing the street.
 - Wipe dirty hands on your clothes.
 - Clean up after yourself.
 - Eat candy for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
 - Drink lots of coffee.
 - Be kind to people you don't get along with.
- Some of these things were solid advice that you should listen to. Other things were probably the worst bits of advice ever. We have to be able to tell which voices are the ones we should be listening to because they are the ones that lead us in the right direction. Let's learn more from the Bible story!

MEMORY VERSE | Philippians 4: 12b-13 (ICB)- Clayton

- I have learned to be happy when I have all that I need and when I do not have the things I need. I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - Introduce this month's memory verse and explain its meaning. *Need help with what his verse means, [read this](#)*

Philippians 4:12b-13 is essentially saying that contentment is not dependent on external circumstances, such as whether you are well fed or hungry, or in abundance or in need. Contentment comes from Christ in us, and is free from dependence on circumstances. We can trust God to provide for our needs and not be consumed by materialism or anxiety. Christ can give contentment during times of plenty and poverty, and help us endure life's challenges

BIG IDEA | I can listen to God's voice. - Clayton

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** introduce this week's big idea.
- Let's say it together: **I can listen to God's voice.**

Tithes and offerings

Pray for: Krishna's Family and friends to know Jesus

Worship- Clayton and Morgan

1. Heartbeat
2. You make me brave

Play Video

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

SCRIPTURE | Mark 1:4–11 (Jesus and John the Baptist)

Morgan- Release to small groups (Please give a 2 min warning at 10:25/12:25)

Introduce yourself

Give out bible bucks for participation

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read Mark 1:4-11 together as a group
- **Let's check it out in Mark 1:4-11.**
- **Who was sent to prepare the way for Jesus?** (*John the Baptist.*)
- John the Baptist was given a very important job before he was even born! He was going to tell everyone he met that a savior was coming to save them from their sins. Sin is all the stuff we do that gets in the way of having a loving relationship with God.
- John's life was very different from others — I'm sure some people even thought he was strange. But his main focus was on doing what God had planned for him to do. Instead of paying attention to what anyone else said, he listened to God's voice and did his job of preparing people for Jesus.
- **Why did Jesus come to see John?** (*To be baptized.*)
- He baptized people in the river to help them understand that living a new life with God meant their old lives were "washed away" in the water. Then one day, Jesus himself showed up to be baptized by John!
- **What did God's voice say when Jesus was baptized?** (*"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."*)
- When Jesus came up out of the water, God's voice could be heard saying that Jesus was indeed God's son and God was very pleased with him.
- John knew that he had been doing the right job all along. Because of what he heard from God, he continued to tell others about God's son, Jesus, who came to be the savior of the world.

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 29

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the passage or invite a volunteer to read it to the group.
- **Have you ever wished that you could actually hear God's voice?** How cool would it be if, like in John's day, as you left today you saw the clouds part and heard God's voice speaking to you? I wonder what God's voice really sounds like?
- **Focus on Psalm 29:3–9. What are some ways the psalmist describes the "voice of the Lord"?** (*It is over the waters, powerful, majestic, breaks the cedars, strikes with flashes of lightning, shakes the desert, twists the oaks, strips the forests bare.*)

- We may not have the answer to that yet, but the Psalm we just read does give us some information about God's voice. It says God's voice echoes over the waters, strikes like lightning, shakes the desert, is powerful, is majestic, breaks, twists, and strips trees bare.
- Wow, that's a special kind of voice, but God doesn't just have a magnificent voice. God uses that voice to give strength and peace to us. That means God speaks to us to lead us to good things.
- **What does it mean to listen to God's voice?**
- It probably won't be an audible voice that literally echoes over the water with a bolt of lightning. But God speaks to us through things we know, like the teachings in the Bible, the people who help us follow God, and sometimes, even the wonders of nature!
- **What are some ways that God speaks?**
- Pay close attention and you'll see that there are endless ways that you and **I can listen to God's voice.**
- **Who are the voices you can listen to that help you know what God is saying to you?**

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

RESPONSE | My Career Log

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Each week's Response time is for kids to think creatively and connect what they learned from the Bible to what they can do about it now and in the future. Print out and compile the [Career Log printable](#) into a booklet. Have them write or draw each week's response activity on the pages dedicated to that week.*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Preteens might be more interested in what they want to do when they grow up than the younger kids in the group are. It's not too early to gauge their interest and provide opportunities in your ministry for them to explore and showcase their gifts.*
- Have kids write their response to the question below in their Career Log.
- **What is one way you can listen to God's voice right now?**

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests and write prayer requests on a prayer card. Then pray together

Thank you, God, for speaking to us in all the ways you do. Help us not only hear your voice but listen and obey it too. Amen.

SPIN IT TO WIN IT: Morgan (please have Bible Bucks ready to hand out), start spin-it at 10:28/12:28

PICK UP, CALL NAMES: Kelly C/Jordan

PICK UP, CHECK TAGS:

PICK UP, HAND OUTS: Zarlee

KID STORE: Carlos, Ava & Clayton

VERSE/SAVE TABLE: Morgan

SMALL GROUP TIME