



Prayer class day 3 VBS

Yesterday we learned that Jesus wants a relationship with us . We learned that He talks to us when we pray and open our hearts to him. Yesterday we practiced hearing from God. Today we are going to spend time hearing from God for someone else.

Who can remember yesterday's verse?

John 15:15

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you **friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

God is waiting to talk to us. He calls us "friend".

Think about a time you are separated from your friends, maybe at Christmas break or summer break. Are you eager to get together with your friend? I love talking to and spending time with my friends, especially if I know something that can help them. God is waiting for us to give Him our attention. There is SO MUCH He wants to tell us

John 10:27-28 ESV

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

God says if we belong to Him we hear Him and know that it is Him. This takes practice. Remember God is always the same forever. He wrote the bible so we can know him. He will not tell you something that is not true about Himself. God can not tell a lie, God does not tell you to say something mean or hurtful. God does not tell you to do something God. God always is loving. God is always helpful. If you are feeling or hearing something that is not loving, or helpful then it's probably not from God.

Now we get to practice praying for each other. We want to listen for what God may want to say to the person in front of you. Sometimes the things God tells us doesn't make sense to us but that's okay. The message isn't us, it's for the one being prayed for.

Separate into 2 teams. Have the first team stand with blind folds on.
say- Listen to your heart silently. (the room should be silent). You might get a strong feeling or picture or a word or phrase or bible verse.

Say-First we will invite the Holy Spirit here and prepare our hearts to listen. Everyone should put on their Jesus ears.

Pray- Holy spirit come. We want to hear from you. Please tell us a message you want to give to someone else in this room today.

Have the second team stand in front of a blind folded child randomly and touch their shoulder. As the blind folded kids get a picture or message they will speak it out loud to the child in front of them without knowing who it is.

Remind the kids that God can talk through ideas, pictures, feelings, thoughts. If they are hearing or feeling something help them to share. Tell the kids that God is proud of them for practicing hearing from. Practicing takes time but they are doing a great job and they will continue to get better.

Then repeat with the other team. Help the children share what they are hearing.

Have the kids check the room for a clue