

*Preschool Fall*  
*Lesson 8:*  
*The Bible Tells Us to Listen*

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Understand that God wants us to listen when the Bible is read on Sundays and every day
- 2) Recognize that we need to listen to God's Word at Sunday worship

**Accommodations:** How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for Ideas

**Supplies:**

**Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)**

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheets – Parking Lot from previous class – one per student
- Cars for attendance – make sure each child has 5 cars
- Tape to share
- I Can Worship Mobile Template – one per student printed and cut out before class
- Paper plates – ½ for each child, cut before class
- Hole Puncher or Tape – to share
- String – 5 pieces of different length for each child
- Glue sticks – enough to share
- Book – The Bible teaches us To Worship (the one you made from previous lessons)

**Depending on time choose some optional activities to do and gather supplies**

- I Spy and Activity Game Page – one per class printed and cut out before class
- Tape to hang “I spy” pictures around room and to play activity game
- I Can Listen Color page – one per student
- Dolls of family members – enough for each child to get some to play with
- Church building template – the one from last time pre-made so children's doll families have a place to go for worship
- Bibles – one per child
- Snack – Your choice - enough for each child along with a napkin and a glass of water

**1) Introduction to lesson:**

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance charts from previous class). Let each child put a car in their attendance parking lot for this week. Have them sit on the floor when finished (on mats if available) close together. Tell them, **“Today we are going to continue to learn what the Bible teaches about worshipping God! Worship means to give honor, praise and obedience to God because we love Him and because He deserves it.**

**God loves us and we need to obey His Word – the Bible! And the Bible teaches us that we should listen to God by reading His Bible!** (Hold up a Bible.)

Say: **Listening is important.**

**How many of you are listening to me right now – raise your hand?** Let students respond (hopefully all will raise their hand ☺)

**How many of you listen when mom or dad read you a story at home – raise your hand?** Let students respond

**It makes God happy when we listen at church too! Just like you are listening now – it is good when you listen when people of the church read from the Bible – God’s Word!**

**Let’s sing some songs to get us started for our class today!**

### **God’s Word**

Tune: She’ll Be Coming Around the Mountain

I am big enough to see God’s Word.

(With my eyes!)

I am big enough to hear God’s Word. (With my ears!)

I am big enough to pray. I am big enough to sing.

I am big enough to pray and sing God’s Words.

(With my mouth!)

### **Bible Time**

Tune: London Bridge

Gather ‘round, it’s Bible time,  
Bible time, Bible time.

Gather ‘round it’s Bible time;  
come and listen.

Hand out one Bible to each child. Say to students. **Last time we learned that the Bible is VERY special. Do you know why? Because it is God’s! God made the Bible for us and the Bible has all of God’s Words in it for us to obey. Isn’t that wonderful? God made the Bible for each and every one of us! God loves us very much and wanted each one of us to have a Bible to read, to use and to study His wonderful words. God loves us and expects us to obey Him. Today we are going to learn that the Bible teaches that we need to worship God and that includes listening to His Word the Bible at church services and at home every day.**

**Read the following verse from your Bible:**

**The Bible says in Joshua 3:9**

**“Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.**

Call each child by name and say: \_\_\_\_\_ is very good. She/he came to church services today and is listening to God’s Words in the Bible – she/he obeyed God! Good job \_\_\_\_\_!

**Let’s all say “Thank you God for Your Words! Thank you God for our Bibles!”** Have students say it together. **Let’s all say “Thank you God for our church family!” Good job! Let’s sit quietly while I read a book on ways we worship God.**

\*Read book “The Bible Teaches Us to Worship”. Then when done say:

**Good job \_\_\_\_\_** (fill in names of those who sat quietly while you read) **for listening carefully and quietly. That made God happy!**

**Now let’s quietly go to the table so we can do another fun activity!**

## 2) I Can Worship God Mobile Craft

10-15 minutes

Before class print out the mobile and circle pictures and cut a paper plate in half – one half for each child. Gather hole punch, string, glue sticks and crayons as well.

During class say: **To help us remember that we need to worship God by listening to His Word, praying, giving and singing we are going to make a craft that we can hang in our room to remind us to worship God!** (Hand out one paper plate with crayons.)

Have the children write their names somewhere on the back of the plate as you hand out half a plate to each child.

Next, hand out the mobile half circle and the four small circles to each student. Have children color their templates. Talk about each picture and how it relates to worshiping God on Sundays while they color.

Once this is done, hand out glue sticks and have children glue the top of their mobile page to the paper plate. (Show them and help them while they do this)

Help by punching four hole punches evenly along the flat part of the plate and one at the top in the middle (see picture) \*Or, use tape and tape the string to the plate instead. (See Picture) so the 4 pictures go evenly across the bottom and the top is to be used to tie a string so the kids can hang their mobiles when they are done.

Next, have children tie their “ways to worship” pictures to the mobile along with the string for the top. Help them if needed.

Once done, ask kids to help clean up and have each child show their creation to the rest of the class. You can sing the “Clean Up” Song below as you work.

Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well.

### Clean Up Song

Clean up, clean up  
Everybody everywhere!  
Clean up, clean up  
Everybody do your share!  
Repeat

Say: **The Bible says in Joshua 3:9**

**“Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.**

**Let’s remember to worship God this Sunday during worship by listening whenever someone reads from the Bible!**

Say each child’s name and then say: **You are all big enough to listen to the Bible!**



## 3) Activity Game – I Can Worship

5-10 minutes

Cut out the template pictures from the I Spy and Activity Game Sheet before class and with tape, tape them down on three different walls where students can freely run to each picture.



If you are doing this activity outside on a sidewalk you can use sidewalk chalk and draw the pictures instead in different areas of the sidewalk.

Gather children around and tell them that one at a time they are going to take turns, when you call the child by name – you will then say either “**Pray**”, “**Give**”, “**Sing**”, or “**Listen**”. Have them stand in a line. That child will then run to the picture of the word you said. If they run to the right spot praise them, if not, show them the right place to go. Have them return to the end of the line so the next child can go. Let each child take a turn and then if time and if they are having fun – play the game again.

#### **4) Action Rhyme and Songs**

**5 minutes**

**Let’s do some action rhymes about the Bible and sing songs to God!**

##### **God’s Word**

Tune: She’ll Be Coming Around the Mountain

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I am big enough to pray. I am big enough to sing.  
I am big enough to pray and sing God’s Words.  
(With my mouth!)

##### **I Have – Action Phrase**

I have two eyes to see God’s Word.  
(Circle eyes)

I have two ears to hear it read.  
(Cup ears)

I have one mouth to sing His praise.  
(Point to mouth)

I have two hands to fold in prayer.  
(Fold hands)

##### **My Bible – Action Phrase**

This is my Bible. (Palms together)  
I’ll open it wide. (Open hands; keep them touching.)  
And see what is written inside!

Say, “**God speaks to me through the Bible. He tells me to go to church services on Sunday. I want to do what God says. So, I obey! I do not go on Saturday, I do not go on Monday, because God tells me to go worship Him on Sunday. I obey God and that makes God happy and me happy too!**”

**Did you obey God by coming to church services on Sunday today? Yes you did! Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible!**

**Are you going to sing when everyone sings? Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.**

**Are you going to listen when everyone listens? Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.**

**Are you going to give when everyone gives? Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.**

**Are you going to pray when everyone prays? Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him!**

#### **5) I Spy**

**10 minutes**

Using the pictures from the I Spy and Activity Game Page that you have cut out and taped around the room. Play a game of I Spy allowing kids to figure out what picture or any other thing you can see in class that reminds them worshiping God, especially listening – other items beside pictures may include the Bible, someone’s ear, etc.

Say: "I spy with my little eyes something reminds me to worship God and that something is \_\_\_\_\_ (Describe something you see in the picture.) Let one of your children try to guess which picture you are describing. The child that guesses correctly gets to take a turn if they are mature enough to pick a picture and describe it to others, otherwise just keep leading the students to figure out the different pictures around the room.

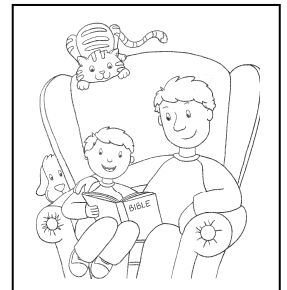
For children that are too young you may want to actually say what the picture is and let them find it: Example "I spy with my little eyes something God wants us to do in worship and that something is.....two children singing." Let the child point to the right picture and then praise them for doing so. Then go to the next child and say the same thing, but ask them to find another picture ex: Someone praying..... keep going till every child has had a least one turn.

**6) Optional: I Can Listen to the Bible Color Sheet**

**10 minutes**

Hand out one color sheet to each student along with crayons. Say: **What is the little boy in the picture doing?** Reading with his dad.

**They are reading the Bible and the little boy is listening while his dad reads. You are all big enough to show God you love Him by listening to His Words in the Bible every day including at church services on Sunday.**



**7) Optional: Dolls and Bibles – We Can Pretend to Worship**

**10 minutes**

Pass around dolls and Bibles and/or other things that will help children remember what they learned - that the Bible is God's Word and they need to obey it by worshipping God by coming to church services every Sunday and to pray.

Say, **"The Bible is from God. As we pretend with these Bibles and dolls let's remember that God gave us the Bible and in the Bible it says we need to worship Him and obey Him. That is why we are all here today at services - to worship God! Let's share our dolls and Bibles and pretend that our dolls are going to church services to read the Bible and listen and obey and learn about God. Let's practice all the things we do on Sunday using our dolls.** (Pretend they go to Sunday school class. Pretend they go to worship and sit, pray, read their Bibles, give and listen.) Talk about how happy God is when we read from His Word the Bible and obey His Word. Talk about how happy our family is when we come to Sunday school and sit, listen and obey the teacher and read from the Bible. Ask students what things they remember people doing every Sunday when they are at church services.

Then while they play, open your Bible and turn to **Acts 20:7** ask students to look and listen while you read from the Bible this paraphrased version: **On the first day of the week we came together... The Bible says we should come together on the first day of the week – that is today – Sunday! We are all obeying God by being at church services this Sunday! Good job!**

Then say to students, **"The Bible is God's Word!"**

**Do the following rhyme with your Bible:**

**Best Book of All – Rhyme**  
Books, books, big and small;  
What's the very best book of all?  
**THE BIBLE!**

(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

### 8) Optional: Snack – Your choice

5-10 minutes

Before class prepare snack of your choice.

Say to students: **“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning about God’s Word – the Bible and that we need to worship God by listening to the Bible when we go to church services every Sunday and at home every day of the week also! To help us remember, we are going to have a snack and talk about the Bible and why it is good to listen to it!** Hand out snacks to each child, along with a glass of milk or water to each child.

Ask students while they snack: **What book is from God?** The Bible!

**The Bible is God’s Word and that is where we read that we need to go to church services every Sunday and listen to the Words of God. The Bible is God’s special book that He made for each and every one of us. And, we are to obey the Bible. That includes going to church services! Let’s think about how we can give, listen, pray, and sing today in worship while we eat our snacks! Enjoy!”**

Talk about how we obey the Bible – by going to church services on Sunday, listening to our moms and dads, praying, giving, singing, listening, and reading the Bible. After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

### 9) Sing

5-10 minutes

Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Fall Quarter Songs provided.

### 10) Close in prayer

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God’s Word the Bible and we need to obey God.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Then Pray: **Dear God, thank you for listening when we talk to You. Help us to remember to say thank you for all the things You give us every day. Help us to listen when Your Word the Bible is read to us. Thank You for everyone here today and for those that couldn’t be. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

### 11) Remind students

To take home their creations. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

### 12) Greet Parents at door

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain have teacher assistant help you take them to their parents.