

Commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice.

Read: John 10:27

DAY

1

Practice Listening

Play a game of Simon Says. One person will call out simple instructions such as touch your toes, and everyone else follows the commands, BUT ONLY if the leader says 'Simon Says' before the command. Practice listening to whoever is leading the game. Listen for what they say and what they don't say. When you listen to who is leading, you are more likely to succeed in the game!

KNOW that listening to God's lead will help you in life.

DAY

2

For All to Hear

Play a game of telephone with those in your house. Have the first person whisper a truth about God in the next person's ear. Pass it along to the end. What did you hear about God? Play as many times as you'd like and share the goodness of God!

LISTEN to what others say about God.

DAY

3

Listen to My Voice

You can read the Word of God and hear God's voice through the stories inside. Read this week's verse, John 10:27. (In the Bible, people who follow God are called sheep and God is the shepherd!)

Did you know that real sheep will only listen to the voice of their shepherd? They specifically listen to that voice for their next direction. Likewise, you should listen to and then follow God's voice to understand where to go or what to do in your life.

ASK God to help you hear and obey God's voice.

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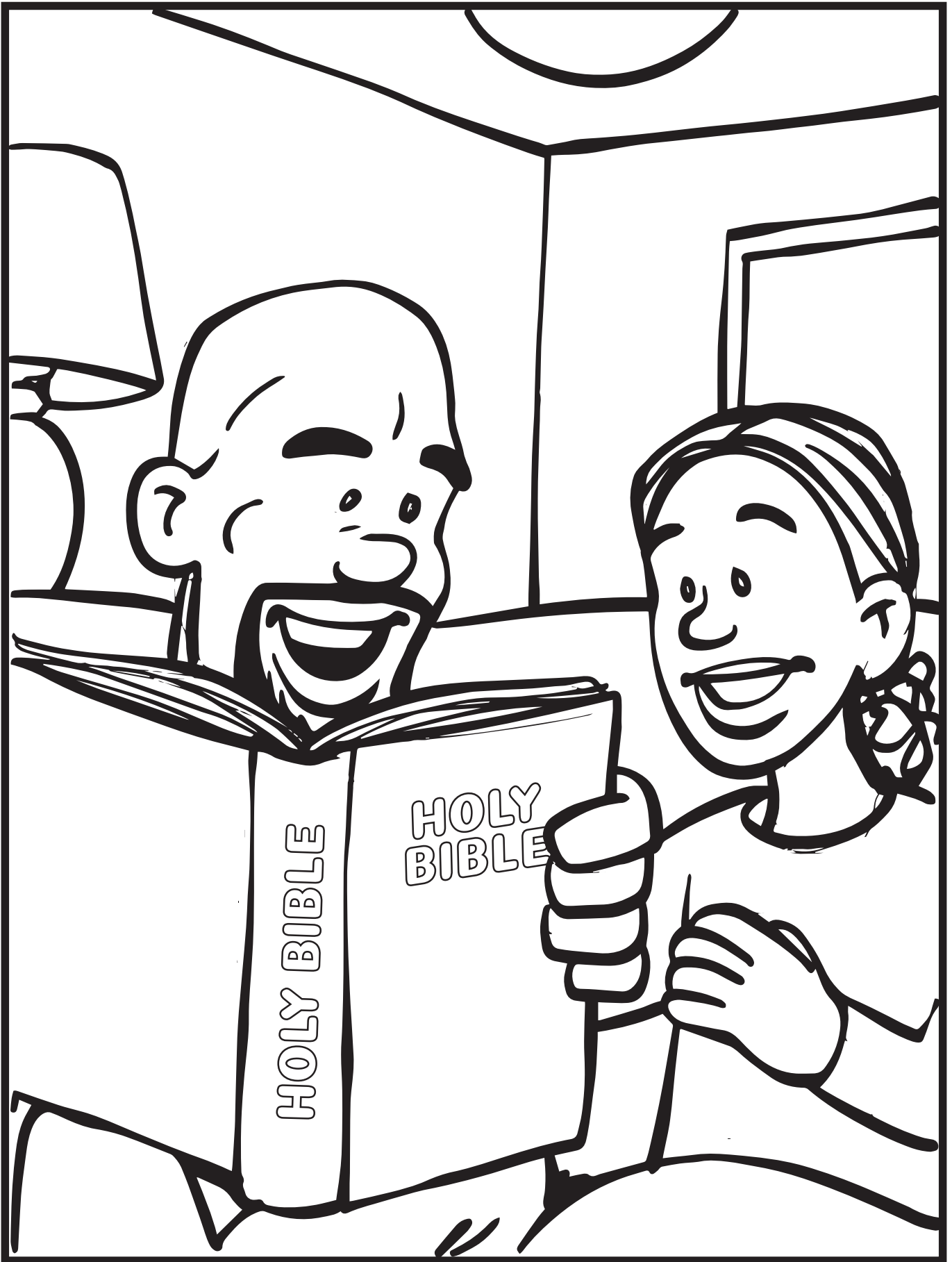
Speak and Listen

When you pray, you are talking to God—and God always listens! Also, when you pray, you can ask God to guide you and direct you when you need help. You can use the prayer below, or you can pray something of your own.

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 "Dear God, thank you for being a God that listens. Please guide me today and allow me to hear Your voice in my heart. I pray that I can do what is good and right and that You will lead me where I should go. Amen."  
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THANK God for hearing you when you pray!

Practice hearing
from God.



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DAY 1

Read Joshua 1:8

What if your best friend had to move away and you could only communicate by email? Would you read those emails your best friend sent you? Of course. You couldn't stay best friends if you never read them!

God wants to have a relationship with us. We can read the Bible so we can get to know who God is. But you have to make a commitment to read it. It takes a plan of action. If you want to know how to stay connected to God, and how God wants you to live, make a commitment to read the Bible.

Reading Plan

Since this month is all about commitment—making a plan and putting it into practice—let's start with these devos! With an adult, come up with a new plan for completing these cards. Select a time of day, a place in your home as your "devo" spot and gather all the things you need (like your Bible, a pen, and paper, etc.) so that you're ready to go.

DAY 2

Read Psalm 119:105

Has the power ever gone out in your house? When it happened, what was the first thing you looked for? A flashlight! Without some sort of light, you'd just be stumbling around in the darkness!

God's Word is just like a light. God's Word gives us the clearest picture of how we should live. When we read God's Word, it's like a light that guides us, showing us where to go and what to do. Without reading it, we are lost.

Grab a flashlight, head to your room, turn off all the lights, and jump in bed. Pull the covers over your head and read this verse again. Now, think about some situations this week where you weren't sure what to do. How would reading God's Word have helped light your path to know where to go or what to do in that situation? Ask God to help you make a commitment to read the Bible and listen to what God has to say.

DAY 3

Read Hebrews 4:12

Do you know what a double-edged sword is? It's a sword that cuts both ways. Romans used these weapons in battle.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us that God's Word is alive—that means it's constantly moving and active. We can learn from it even today! When we read God's Word, it has the power to show us what's really inside of us. It helps to point out any wrong thoughts or attitudes. When you spend time reading God's Word, it can help you see the things you need to change.

Sword Makers

Grab a piece of cardboard, foil, and a permanent marker. Ask an adult to cut the cardboard into the shape of a sword. Cover your sword in foil. Write out HEBREWS 4:12 on the side of your sword with the marker. Then, use the tip of a pair of scissors to make indentions in the foil to create shapes or impressions. To make these grooves stand out, go back over them with the permanent marker.

DAY 4

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Timothy was written by the missionary Paul to his student, Timothy. Timothy was leading a group of Jesus followers, and Paul wrote to encourage him and make sure he was prepared to teach them to follow God. Timothy's mother and grandmother had taught Timothy the scriptures as a child, and Paul wrote to remind him to stay true to what he had learned.

Paul wrote to Timothy about the Bible being inspired by God.

He also mentioned that it is useful for

teaching us what's
E U T R

It is useful for correcting our
I A S M K T E

It is useful for training us to do what is

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G H T I R

Each time you read God's Word, you can look to answer these three questions.

What is true?

What does God say I should do?

What does God say I shouldn't do?

Thank God for giving you the Bible to show you truth about God, what you should do, and what you shouldn't do.

Answers: True Mistakes Right

Practice hearing from God.



Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



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Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

- 1. You liked:
- 2. You learned:
- 3. You'd like to know:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.
Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!



Day 2

Read Psalm 119:105

Read Psalm 119:105, then connect the dots below then put the verse in order. When you have done that, color inside the lines you made. What does it look like to you? Perhaps a pathway?

- me the way. •
- lamp that shows •
- Your word is like a •
- Psalm 119:105 •
- that guides me. •
- It is like a light •

Just as light pours out into the darkness, spreading out to light the way, God's Word can guide our path, showing us which way to go. It lights the way in front of us, showing us the way to go. Simply reading God's Word—the Bible—and being open to what God wants to teach us through it, is a great way to hear from God!



Day 3

Have you ever read something in the Bible that you didn't understand?

That's totally normal! We're talking about the God who made the universe—who made YOU. It makes sense that God's Word would be challenging to understand at times. But God wants you to understand, so all you have to do is pray and ask for help and God will help you understand.

Think about something that you've always struggled to understand in God's Word. It may be an event that happened—like creation, or Jesus raising from the dead—or it might be what a specific verse, or it might be what seems like an unanswered prayer. Fill in the prayer below with that question and ask for help hearing from God.

Dear God, I thank You for giving

us Your Word to light our paths
and help us know what to do. But
even still, I sometimes struggle to
really hear You and understand
what You are doing in my life and
in the world. I especially need help
hearing from You when it comes to

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give me the wisdom to hear from You
and to allow Your Word to light my
way. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

Day 4

When something changes your life, do you usually keep it to yourself?

No! You tell your family about it, or you share the news with your friends, right?

If you've found a verse or a story in God's Word that has been helpful to you, why wouldn't you want to share it with others so it can do the same for them!

Write down your favorite Bible story or verse, and then explain how it has made a difference in your life or has helped you think or act differently.

Guess what you just did? You **practiced hearing from God!** Now, go and share that with someone else. Ask them if they've heard the story or the verse, and then tell them what it means in your life. But don't leave it there—ask them what their favorite Bible story or verse is too! You might learn something new about God's Word that will encourage you in your own faith!



Day 5

How can you hear from God?

Tonight, after dark, get a grownpup and grab a flashlight. Walk outside and shine the flashlight on the ground to see where you are going. Notice how if you look too far away from the light, you can't see a thing. But if you follow the light, you know what to do and where to step—or not step.

As you head back inside, talk with your adult about **how you can hear from God.** Share with each other how God's Word has been a light in your life. Then ask them to hold you accountable to **practice hearing from God.** This might look like checking in once a week to ask what you've been hearing from God, or maybe adding "read your Bible" to your daily to-do list. Just remember, hearing from God isn't something we just HAVE to do; it's something we GET to do. And when we do, we will be able to see the way God wants us to go.