

LISTEN TO GOD

BIBLE STORIES

Any story with significant dialogue between God and people:

The Garden of Eden • Genesis 3

Moses Makes Excuses • Exodus 3:1—4:17

Gideon's Bargain • Judges 6:1-24

The Faith of the Centurion • Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

Healing at the Pool of Bethesda • John 5:1-15

COMIC STRIP

MATERIALS

Bible, Comic Strip (p. 126 or 127), markers, pencils.

PREPARE THE ACTIVITY

Select a Bible story from the list provided above. Choose the Comic Strip page most appropriate for the writing ability of the children you teach. Make a copy of the page for each child.

LEAD THE ACTIVITY

1. Read the middle portion of Deuteronomy 30:20 aloud. **Listening to and obeying God is very important. Because of His great love for us, He wants what is best for us!** Read or tell the selected Bible story. **In the story we just read, someone had a conversation with God. How well did**

the person listen to God? What can we learn from the events of this story?

Children answer.

2. **We're going to draw comic strips of the Bible story and retell it using our own words.** Distribute Comic Strip pages, markers and pencils. Children divide story into four sections. Suggest they draw stick figures to illustrate the action and draw large balloons in which to write thoughts or conversation. (Adapt directions as needed if using Comic Strip page for younger children.)

3. Children work on comic strips. Be available to help them if needed. Talk about ways that kids today can listen and pay attention to God's voice.

4. Display completed comic strips in classroom or other public area of your church.

BONUS IDEAS

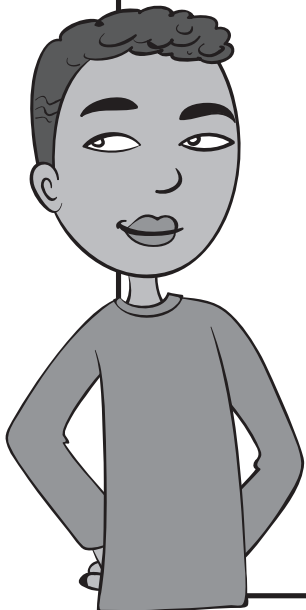
- Have children help you make a bulletin board of favorite comic strips from recent newspapers.
- Ask children to bring in favorite comic books to share.
- Collect completed Bible story comic strips and assemble together to make a comic book.
- Obtain books from the library that demonstrate step by step how to draw cartoon pictures. Children look at books and practice drawing more sophisticated cartoons.

COMIC STRIP

AUTHOR'S NAME:

Title _____

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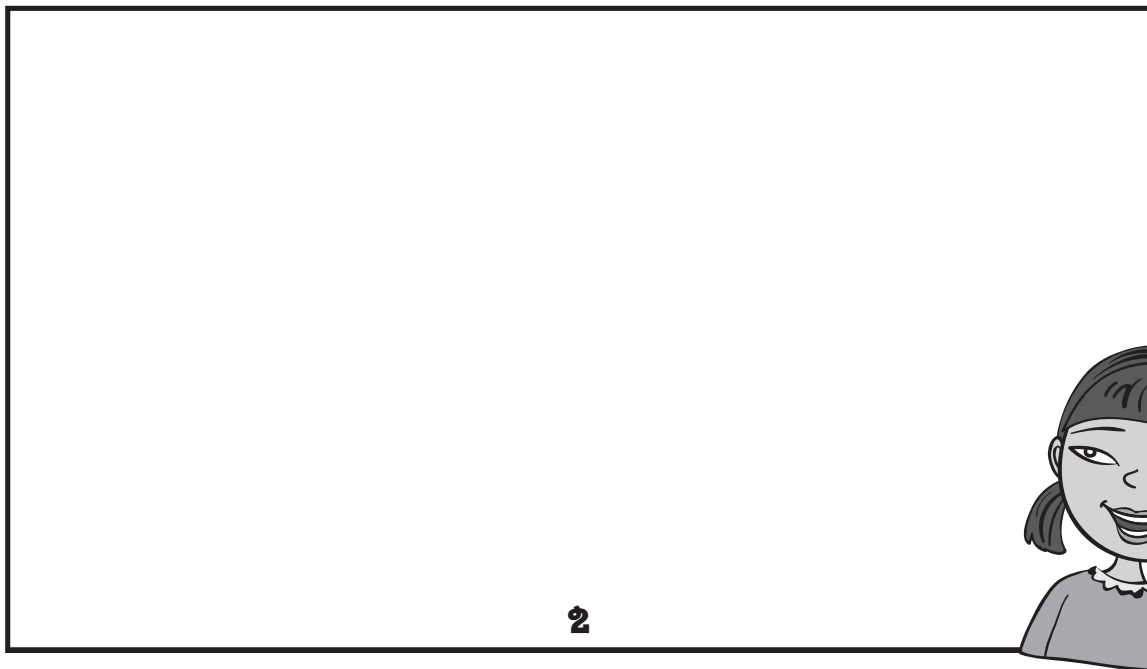
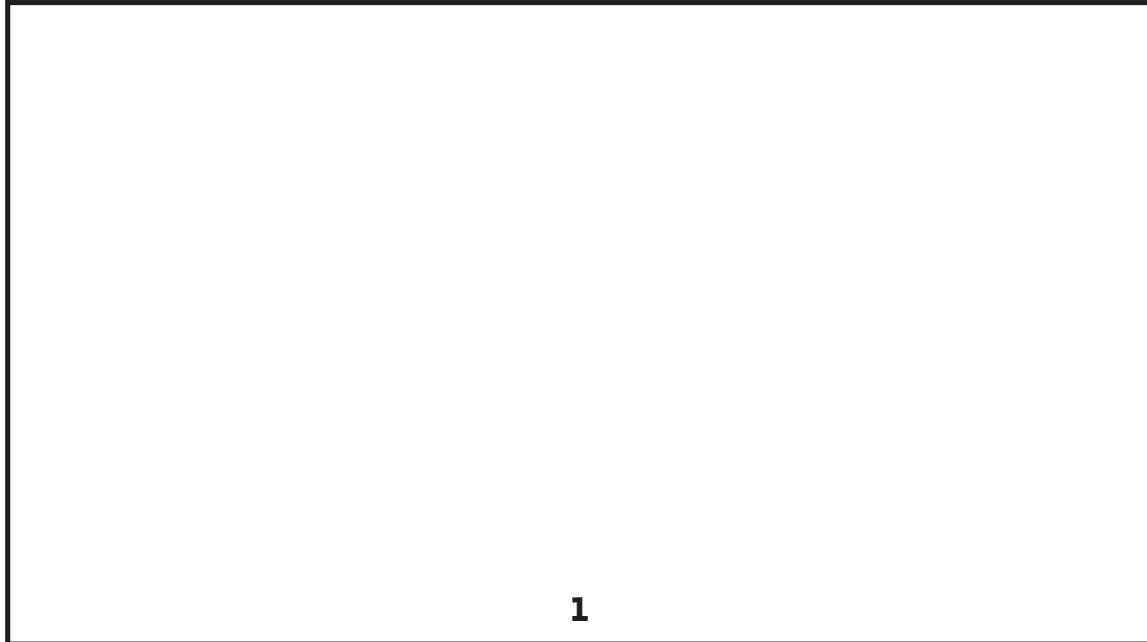


Comic Strip

Author's Name: _____

Draw two pictures to show what happened in the story.

Write the names of each person under the pictures. Tell what they are saying.



IT TAKES EACH LITTLE DOT

MATERIALS

Bible, butcher paper, markers in a variety of colors.

PREPARE FOR THE ACTIVITY

Select a Bible story from the list on page 125. Draw the outline of one or more large scenes (park, ocean, forest) on butcher paper (see ideas in sketch a). Make at least one scene for each group of six to eight children.

LEAD THE ACTIVITY

1. Read the middle portion of Deuteronomy 30:20. **Listening to and obeying God is very important. Because of His great love for us, He wants what is best for us!** Read or tell the selected Bible story. **In the story we just read someone had a conversation with God. Did they listen to God? What can we learn from what happened in the story?** Children answer.

2. **Today we are going to make a whole picture by using lots of dots!** Children fill in the scene on butcher paper by making dots with markers (see sketch b). As children are working on the scenes, talk with them about their work. Make comments

such as, **Each dot is important to make the whole scene look good. What would our picture look like with just a few dots? With many dots? Why might someone get tired of making lots of dots? When we keep on listening to God and loving and obeying God, we are able to enjoy all the good things God has given us.**

BONUS IDEAS

- Use tempera paint and paint brushes or chalk dipped in milk to create the dots of color.
- Older children may draw their own scenes.
- Purchase ministampers for children to use in making dots.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What are some ways that you have seen people listen to and obey God?**
- **What are some ways that kids can show they want to listen to and obey God?** (Read Bible. Forgive others, instead of getting revenge. Be honest, instead of cheating on a test. Pray. Be friendly to someone no one else likes.)
- **The Bible tells us God wants us to do good to others. What's one way you can obey this message you've heard from God's Word?**

