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Three easy steps for an at-home experience!

BIG IDEA: God Speaks to Us

Can you imagine God talking to you through a burning bush? Talk about an attention-getter! God had a special mission for Moses and he told him exactly what to do and say! Sometimes, in our lives, it sure would be nice to have God talk to us in such a miraculous way! But God is talking to us all the time—through his Word, through His Holy Spirit, through teachers and through other Christians. If we learn to listen to his voice, we will hear him. We will talk today about how God speaks to us and how we can learn to listen to him!

STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Exodus 3-4 from the NIrV Pages 101-103 in the <u>Read With Me Bible</u>.

STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids Experimental - Week 2

STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR ALL KIDS: Creating Sounds

Materials: Glass Glasses - crystal glasses, wine glasses and water goblets work best

Fill your glasses with various amounts of water. Dampen your finger with water from the glasses. Place the flat part of your index fingertip and slowly move your finger around the rim of the glass. You might need to try more or less pressure and adjust your speed, but eventually you will create a ringing noise from your glass.

As your finger glides across the glass, it will create vibrations – which is essentially what sound is. Sound waves are vibrations that move through all kinds of things like air and water. Our ears have receptors that can process those waves and communicate with our brain so that we hear.

Just like God's design for the ear and the brain to work together so that we can hear, he has created us to be able to hear him as well. We might never hear his actual voice this side of Heaven, but he has given us ways to hear from him. How can we hear from God?

FOR ALL KIDS: Seeing and Feeling Sounds

Materials: Glass of water, 1/2 C uncooked rice, cookie sheet, speaker

Sound is created by vibrations, which allows us to see, and even feel sound. First start with the glass of water. Rub your finger around the rim and as the sound begins you will see patterns on the water's surface. Different glasses and water levels will create different patterns.

Next play some music on your speaker – the more powerful the speaker the better. Notice how when you place the glass of water near the speaker, the surface of the water reacts to the music.

Next, place the rice on the cookie sheet and place the sheet above the speaker. Turn up the music and watch the rice dance to the beat! Finally, have your kids plug their ears well or put in earplugs. Have them put their face near

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the speaker. They will feel the "breeze" of the sound waves as the vibrations are created from the music.

Just as we cannot see the air waves, we cannot see God. But just as we hear those sound waves, God gives us the ability to hear his voice through His word and we can "feel" his voice through his Spirit.

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