



## **LISTENING TO YOUR FATHER**

We have been learning about our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Just as we get to know one another by talking and listening to each other, in the same way we get to know God.

🗣️ In your relationship with others, what do you find easier – talking or listening? Why is that?

Most people find it easier to talk, especially if it is in their own language! This is also true in our relationship with God. We find it easier to talk to God about our needs, but he also wants to speak to us. The main way he does this is through the Bible.



### **1. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD**

✝ Where do the words in the Bible come from?

2 Timothy 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Peter 1:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible is an amazing book. It is not just one book, but is made up of 66 books. These books have been written by 40 different people, over a period of 1600 years, and yet there is ONE message. This is a message for us. If we are going to hear God speak to us we need to read the Bible.

### **2. READING GOD'S WORD**

✝ What does God's Word (the Bible or Scriptures) do in our lives? 2 Timothy 3:16-17

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

✝ How else will God's Word help us?

Psalm 119:105 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 119:130 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 119:133 \_\_\_\_\_

🗣️ Share a time when God's word has helped you in your life?

### **3. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD**

✝ Perhaps you have found the Bible difficult to understand. What can help you understand it better?

1 Corinthians 2:12-15a \_\_\_\_\_

Remember the Bible is made up of many different books and so it is good to begin reading those that are easier, and as you do so ask the help of the Holy Spirit.



#### **4. OBEYING GOD'S WORD**

† How does it describe a person who listens to God's Word but **does not** obey it?

Luke 6:46, 49 \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:22, 23 \_\_\_\_\_

† How is the person who listens **and obeys** God's Word described?

Luke 6:47-48 \_\_\_\_\_

† What are God's promises to us when we obey?

James 1:25 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 1:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

☞ Share a time when you obeyed what God said to you, and you were blessed by Him.

Just as we need to spend time each day talking to God in prayer, we also need to spend time reading God's Word so we can hear what he wants to say to us.

† What should our attitude be to God's Word?

1 Peter 2:2 \_\_\_\_\_

When a baby is born he cries for his mother's milk. We have been born into God's family now and we need 'pure spiritual milk', which is the Word of God. As we receive this spiritual food we will grow in our relationship with God.



Share something you would like others to pray for.  
Pray together.

#### **Memory Verse**

"People need more than bread for their life;  
they must feed on every word of God."

Matthew 4:4