

Riverside Young Vineyard Jellies Material
Prayer- “I can talk and listen to God”

Worship	Sing some songs with the children. Use song board if you like.
Game/ Play	<p>GAME <i>The aim of this game is to learn active listening.</i> Simon Says- the leader says “Simon says... stand on one leg. Simon says... touch your toes. Simon says... point to the ceiling.” The children have to do as simon says. If you say to do something without saying “simon says” first then the children should not do the action- whoever does the action is out.</p> <p>FREE PLAY Imaginative play revolving around communication and phones. If you have toy phones pretend having a conversation- practice talking and listening. You could be in a doctors surgery and the receptionist is taking appointments on the phone.</p>
Craft/ Activity	<p>Cup phones <i>You will need:</i> String/wool Paper cups Scissors or something to poke a hole in the cups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poke a hole in two cups. 2. Thread a piece of string through the holes and tie knots to hold them in place. You can make the string as long or as short as you like. 3. Allow the children to play and experiment with them. Take turns talking and listening with the cups
Teaching/ Discussion	We can talk to God and we can listen to God. He loves talking to each of us and loves it when we talk to Him about everything in our lives like what makes us happy and sad. It can be like talking to someone on the phone who we can't see in the room but we can hear their voice. We can learn to hear His voice but we need to practice and learn what God's voice sounds like just like Samuel in the bible
Story	<p>1 Samuel 3:1-10 You could read it from 'The Rhyme Bible Storybook' (page 138) which is a nice version of it.</p>

Chat & Catch (Prayer)	<p>Ask the children to close their eyes, they may want to lie down in a space on the floor. "Imagine a TV screen in your head. At the moment it is black because it is turned off. Spend a few seconds asking God to speak to you through the TV and when you are ready, turn the TV on in your head." You could say a quick prayer here that asks God to speak to each child.</p> <p>Wait for a minute or two and then ask the children if they saw anything on the TV when they turned it on. Listen to each child to what they saw/heard and then talk about what it might mean and who it might be for. Write any pictures/words down and pass them on to Dave (we love hearing about when God speaks especially through the kids!)</p>
Leaders	<p>We would love it if you could spend time praying for and thanking God for each child in the group today. Focus particularly that they would grow up hearing God speak to them. Listen to God for any words/pictures He may be giving you for the child, write them down on the below piece of paper and hand it to their parent/guardian at the end.</p>

Dear Parent/Guardian of.....

Date.....

We have been praying for your child today and this is what we felt God was saying...

We hope this is encouraging for you. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to chat to one of the Jellies team on duty or contact our Children's Pastor, Dave Heskin (dave@riversidevineyard.com)

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