



### NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **HEARING GOD'S VOICE!**

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at [luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church](mailto:luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church)

God bless you!

### Family Ice Breaker - Blindfolded Trust Walk!

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we watched as Christian listened to his father's voice to navigate an obstacle course. Christian listened carefully and was careful to obey all his father's commands.

You might like to try doing a trust walk at home.

Whatever you do, have fun!

### Today's Bible Story Passage - 1 Samuel 3:2-10 (AMP)

Yet it happened at that time, as Eli was lying down in his own place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well) and the [oil] lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, that the LORD called Samuel, and he answered, "Here I am." He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call you; lie down again." So, he went and lay down. Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So, Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know [or personally experience] the LORD, and the word of the LORD was not yet revealed [directly] to him. So, the LORD called Samuel a third time. And he stood and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli understood that it was the LORD [who was] calling the boy. So, Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and it shall be that if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. Then the LORD came and stood and called as at the previous times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

### Scripture memory verses - to read and memorise at meal times

Philippians 4:5b (NLT) - ...the Lord is near.

1 Samuel 3:10b (NLT) - ..."Speak, for Your servant is listening".

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

And, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists, and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

## The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

### Topic Introduction:

**Ask:** There are very many people in the world. Do you remember how many? [ 7.6 billion ]

**Ask:** Does it surprise you to know that many people feel like they are alone?

**Ask:** Do you sometimes feel like you are alone?

**Say:** Sometimes we can feel like that, but the Bible tells us that we are NEVER alone.

**Read:** *Scripture: Philippians 4:5b (NLT)* - ...the Lord is near.

**Say:** We can't always believe our feelings. We can always know that the Bible is true and trust what it says. The Bible tells us that the LORD is near.

**Ask:** How near is He?

**Say:** The Lord is as near as near can be. Remember when Ps Luke put his hands on his face and asked you to do the same? Let's do it now. And, let's decide to remember that this is how close God is to us all the time. He is in our heart, and He is all around us, like a hug that is always happening. We need to know this by faith.

**Read:** *Scripture: Hebrews 11:6*

And, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists, and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

**Ask:** Do you believe God exists, and that He is near to you, in your heart and all around you?

**Ask:** Do you think someone so near to us could always hear us? [ Yes! ]

**Say:** We can always talk to God and He will always hear us. He wants to speak to us too...the question is; are we listening?

**Ask:** I want to know what God has to say to me. Do you?

**Ask:** Does God speak to children, or just the adults? [ He speaks to anyone who will listen to Him ]

**Say:** Yes, He does! And we are going to read a true story about it from the Bible.

**Read:** *Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:2-10* [ read from your own Bible or turn page to read Scripture ]

**Ask:** In this true story, God spoke to Samuel and Eli in a man's voice. Is this the only way God speaks to us? [ No! God speaks to us in so many ways. ]

**Ask:** What are some other ways God can speak to us? [ let them answer fully before moving on ]

**Say:** God speaks to us through the Word of God (the Bible) - this is the way He speaks with us the most...as we read the Bible the Holy Spirit works in our minds and hearts - helping us to know the truth, to know the words of Jesus, and to be more like Jesus.

**Say:** God speaks to us through our parents and leaders - they can be very wise.

**Say:** God speaks to us through our thoughts - especially the ones we know are good and were not like our own. We can call these God thoughts.

**Say:** God speaks to us through our conscience. Our conscience is that feeling inside us that is our knowing of what is right and wrong.

**Say:** God will always speak to us in a way that builds us up. He is LOVE and when He corrects us He does it in a loving way. Like when He tells our conscience we have done something wrong and we feel bad/guilty about it...He is ready in that moment to help us by forgiving us and helping us to do the right thing.

**Say:** Always remember that God will never say something to us that is different to what the Bible teaches.

**Discuss further:** Talk with your kids about this, letting them tell you how they believe God has spoken to them. Inspire your kids by telling them of a time or times God has spoken to you and how He did it.

**Sum up:** **Say:** Say after me:

\* I know God is always with me

\* I know God hears me

\* I know God wants to speak to me in many ways

\* God will always speak to me in a way that builds me up

\* God speaks to me through my parents & leaders

\* God speaks to me through the Word of God (the Bible)

\* God speaks to me through my conscience

\* Speak Lord, Your servant is paying attention!

**Let's Pray!** Dear Heavenly Father... help us to seek You, and to pay attention so we know when You are speaking to us, and help us to always love and obey You ... in Jesus' name, Amen!

