

Our Bible Verse this week is Psalm 46:10. This verse tells us to take time to stop everything and pray to God.

In our Bible Story, Elijah learned that praying to God means more than just listing what we need or want. Listening to God is an important part of worshipping God by praying. Read I Kings 19:1-18.

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Get a blindfold and a music player or radio with headphones. Set up some chairs and obstacles in a room in your house or outdoors. Tell your family that they have to be blindfolded and try to get past the obstacles without bumping into them. The first time have them ask for help, but don't give them any instructions or help at all. The second time have them listen to music loudly on the headphones so that they cannot hear your instructions. The third time have them ask for help and give them instructions to help them avoid the obstacles easily. Afterward tell your family that our prayer life should be like the third time through the obstacles. We should talk to God and we should listen for His quidance.

Can He Hear You Now? Yes!

Gather your family around the regular land-line phone in your house. Ask them where they have to be to use this phone. The answer is that they have to be in the house. Then show them a cell phone and ask them where they can use this phone. The answer is anywhere. Tell your family that when we pray to God it is like making a phone call to heaven. Ask them if when we pray it is like a land-line or a cell phone. The answer is that we can talk to God anywhere just like we can use a cell phone anywhere. Give each family member a toy plastic cell phone and write "God" on it. Have them carry the phone with them in the car, or in their school bag or lunch. Tell your family that every time they see the phone they should say a prayer to God about whatever is happening right then and take time to listen to what God might say back to them.