

Small Group Leader Guide



Week 1

Ages 2-3
A Voice in
the Night

Question

When can you pray?

Answer

I can pray all night, all day!

Bible Verse

Psalm 55:17 NLT *Morning, noon, and night ...
the LORD hears my voice.*

What To Do First

Review

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Say** the **Question**, **Answer**, and **Verse** together.

Read

1. **Lay** Story Cards in order.
2. **Point** to the first card.
3. **Read** the caption.
4. **Say** the **Say With Me** statement together.
5. **Do Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-3.

Remember

What Do You See?

1. **Show** Story Card 1.
2. **Ask**, "What do you see in this picture?" *Group answers.*
3. **Repeat** steps 1-2 for Story Cards 2-3.

Say With Me & Actions

Story Card 1

Say With Me

God said, "Samuel!"

Action

Pretend to be asleep like Samuel.

Story Card 2

Say With Me

It wasn't Eli!

Action

Pretend to be Eli and say, "Go back to bed!"

Story Card 3

Say With Me

God talked with Samuel.

Action

Make prayer hands and talk with God.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

Samuel talked with God.
When do you like to talk with God?

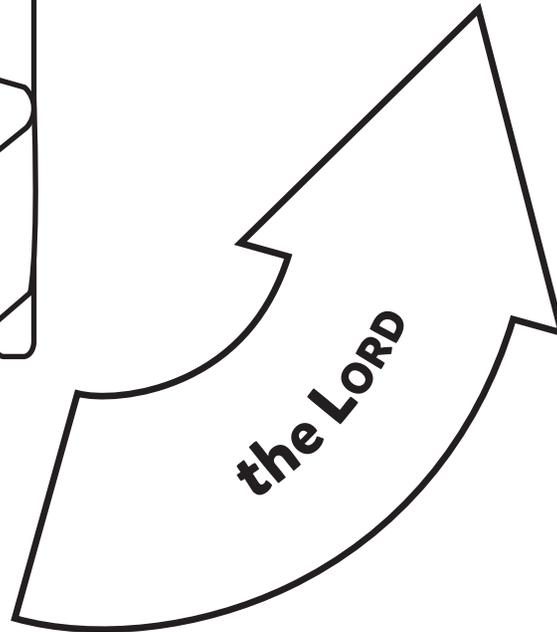
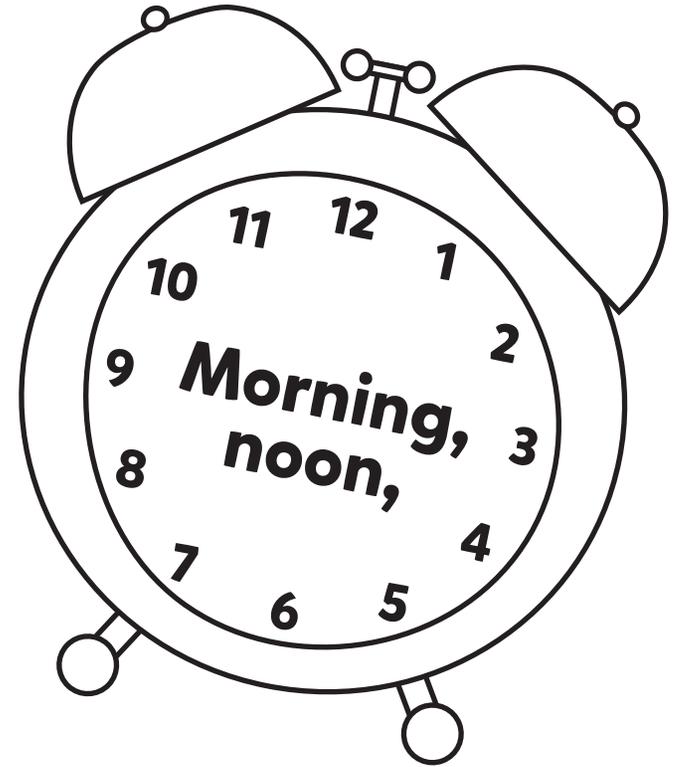
Pray

Ask kids what they want to talk to God about, and pray with them.

Check Out Time

Begin When Parents Arrive

1. **Combine** your Small Groups if you need to free up a leader.
2. One leader **stands** at the door to **greet** parents and **run** check out.
3. When a kid leaves, **tell** the parents something positive about their kid.
4. **Keep kids busy in small groups:**
 - Repeat Story Card activities.
 - Let kids share what's on their minds.
 - Pray together to build closer relationships.



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Week 2

Ages 2-3
A Voice in
the Night

Question

When can you pray?

Answer

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Bible Verse

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What To Do First

Review

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Read

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Remember

Mix It Up

1. **Shuffle** Story Cards.
2. **Place** Story Cards in the wrong order.
3. **Say**, "This story's mixed up! Let's fix it."
4. Group **helps** put Story Cards in order.

Say With Me & Actions

Story Card 1

Say With Me

God said, "Samuel!"

Action

Pretend to be asleep like Samuel.

Story Card 2

Say With Me

It wasn't Eli!

Action

Pretend to be Eli and say, "Go back to bed!"

Story Card 3

Say With Me

God talked with Samuel.

Action

Make prayer hands and talk with God.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

God wanted to talk with Samuel. What do you want to talk with God about?

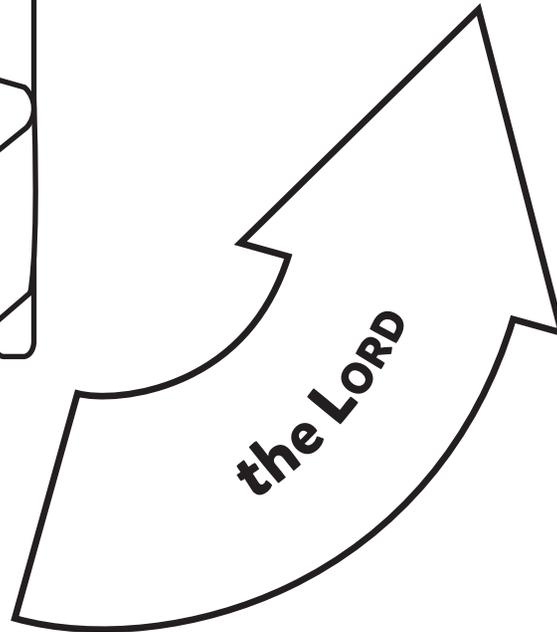
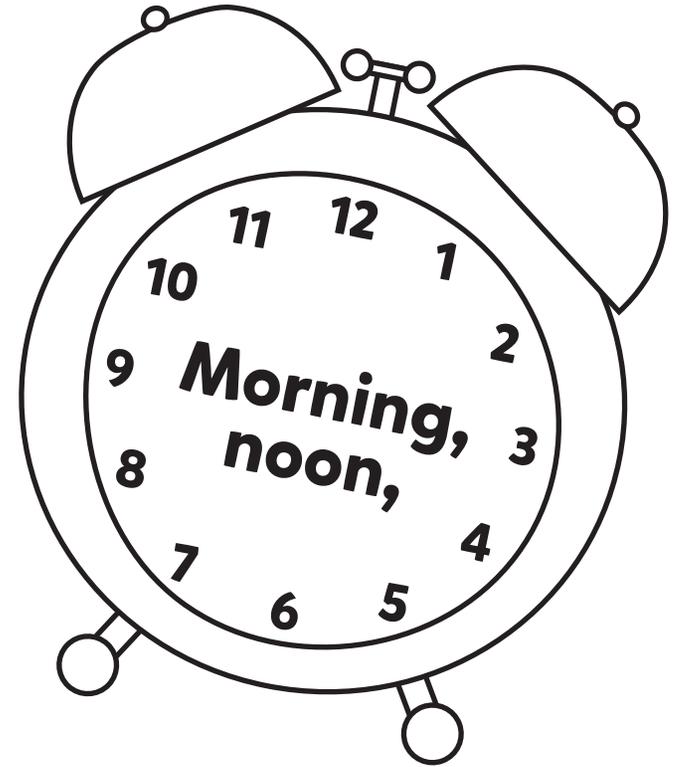
Pray

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Week 3

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5. **Do Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-3.

Remember

Now What?

1. **Show** Story Card 1.
2. **Read** the caption.
3. **Ask**, "Now what's going to happen in the next picture?"
Kids answer.
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3 for Story Cards 2-3.

Say With Me & Actions

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Say With Me

God said, "Samuel!"

Action

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Story Card 2

Say With Me

It wasn't Eli!

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Story Card 3

Say With Me

God talked with Samuel.

Action

Make prayer hands and talk with God.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

God talked with Samuel at night.
What can you say to God at night?

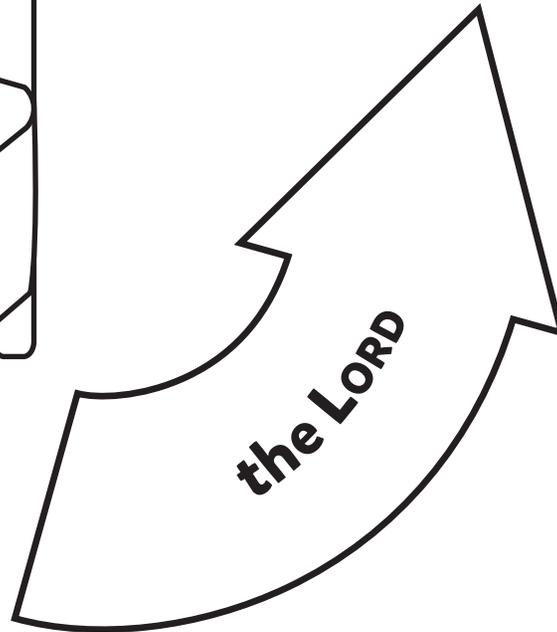
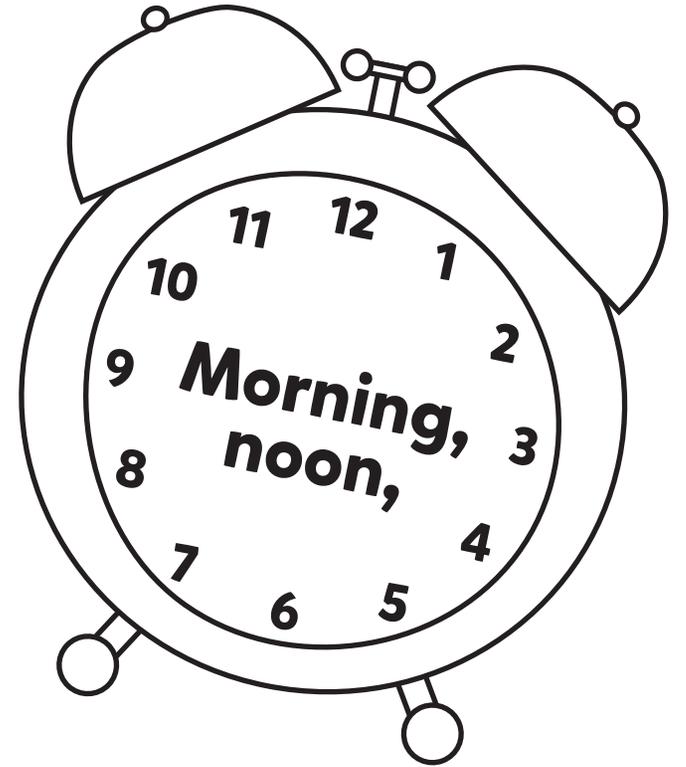
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Remember

What's Missing?

1. **Lay** out 2 Story Cards.
2. **Ask**, "Which picture is missing?" *Kids guess.*
3. **Lay** missing Story Card in place.
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3, but **leave out** a different card.

Say With Me & Actions

Story
Card
1

Say With Me

God said, "Samuel!"

Action

Pretend to be asleep like Samuel.

Story
Card
2

Say With Me

It wasn't Eli!

Action

Pretend to be Eli and say, "Go back to bed!"

Story
Card
3

Say With Me

God talked with Samuel.

Action

Make prayer hands and talk with God.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

Samuel was a good listener.
What do you like to listen to?

Pray

Ask kids what they want to talk to God about, and pray with them.

Check Out Time

Begin When Parents Arrive

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