

Lesson 1: *The Story and the Song*

Opening:

What is a whisper? Can you speak in a whisper?

Whispers are quiet but they can be very important. You might want someone to hear something that is very important for them to hear and so you may whisper it into their ear. This might be because it is a special message just for them.

Let's practice whispering some messages to each other. Take turns whispering special messages to one another. Here are some examples, "God loves you", "You are special", "I like you!"

Bible Story:

Share:

Our story today, is about the Bible. The Bible is a special book of stories, poems, and letters that teach us about who God is and how much He loves us.

**Take out the *Jesus Storybook Bible* and read
"The Story and The Song" pg. 12 in *The Jesus Storybook Bible***

Share:

Every story in the Bible whispers the name of Jesus. Isn't that incredible? He is the most important person in the Bible. What are some things you know about Jesus?

Activity: What do you Hear?

Instructions:

Explain to the kids that we are going to do some listening. First, sit quietly in the room where you are doing the lesson. Instruct everyone to close their eyes and listening. Ask them after a few seconds of listening to share what they hear. Share what you hear. Next, go outside (if the weather allows) and do the same.

Ask:

What was your favorite sound that you heard? Are some sounds harder to hear than others? What are some sounds that are really easy to hear? What are some sounds that are hard to hear? Jesus tells us He loves us in a lot of different ways. Is it easy or hard to hear Jesus? What are some of the ways that you think we can hear Him speak to us?

Close in Prayer Together

Dear Jesus, thank you that you love us. Thank you that you speak to us. Help us to hear your voice.
Amen.