

Lesson 17 - God gave us Ears

Aims

To explore the sense of hearing

To learn that God gave us the sense of hearing to give us joy

Materials

The Listening Walk, by Paul Showers & Alik

Objects to listen to - clock, bell, drum, plastic duck, recorder, music cd etc...

Pictures to cut out - cat, clock, bell, drum, car, whistle, duck, dog

Song - "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"

A picture of a girl listening with space to stick pictures

glue , scissors

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
 2. Story & Discussion
 3. Activities - listening walk, identify sounds, playing deaf, song, cut & paste
 4. More Discussion
 5. Review aims of lesson
 6. Prayer
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1) Introduction

Remind the children about the five senses. Show large pictures of eye, ear, nose, mouth and hand and remind them about what senses we have done so far.

2) Story & Discussion

* Talk about the children's ears- the different parts, shape and size. You can listen through your ears. What do like to hear? What don't you like. What would it be like if we couldn't hear? Some people are deaf, so they have to lip read or use sign language.

* Read "The Listening Walk," by Paul Showers & Alik

3) Activities

* Go on a listening walk. When you return talk about the sounds everyone heard

* Tell the children to close their eyes. Can they identify the sounds you make?

* Pretend the children are deaf. Give instructions without words

* Sing "Old MacDonald" and make sounds of the animals

* Children cut out small pictures and stick them on picture of a girl listening. Can the children make sounds for each of the pictures?

4) More Discussion

- * God wants us to hear sounds that make us happy - birds singing, music, trees rustling, laughing, wind blowing, etc...
- * God wants us to hear words of love. When someone says kind words to us we feel happy. Thank you, please. excuse me, Can I help you? and other polite words are all important for us to hear.

5) Review the aims of the lesson

- * To explore the sense of hearing

What sounds did we hear today?

- * To learn that God gave us the sense of hearing to give us joy

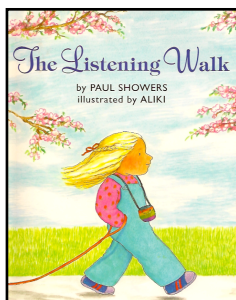
What sounds make you happy?

6) Prayer

Say a prayer to thank God for giving us the gift of hearing

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I like to take walks. I take walks with my father and our dog. Our dog is called Major. He is an old dog and he does not walk very fast. We go down the street and we do not talk. My father puts his hands in his pockets and thinks. Major walks ahead and sniffs. I keep still and listen. I call this the Listening Walk. On a listening walk I do not talk. I listen to all the different sounds. I hear many different sounds when I do not talk.

First I hear Major's toenails on the sidewalk. Major has long toenails. When he walks, his toenails scratch the sidewalk. They go *twick twick twick twick*.

I hear my father's shoes on the sidewalk. My father walks slowly and his shoes go dop dop, dop dop. I can't hear my shoes. I wear sneakers.

I hear sorts of sounds on a Listening Walk. I listen to the sounds I never listened to before. I listen to lawn mowers. Lawn mowers are noisy. A lawn mower makes a steady zooming noise.

It goes like this: z-z-z-z-z-zzzzzzooooooooooooooooooooommmm.

I listen to the lawn sprinklers. Lawn sprinklers are very quiet. They make different sounds. Some sprinklers make a steady whispering sound. Like this: thhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh.

Other sprinklers turn around and around.

They go like this: whithhh whithhh whithhh whithhh.

On a Listening Walk I hear cars in the street. The shiny new cars are quiet.

They make only a soft hmmmmmmmmmmmm.

But old cars are very noisy. Old cars sound like this: brack-a, brack-a, brack-a, brack-a.

When cars go around the corner too fast, the tires go whrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr.

When cars stop too quickly the brakes go eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee.

On a Listening Walk I hear kinds of sounds.

A bicycle bell ringing: ttring, ttring.

A baby crying: waaaa, awaaaa, awaaaa, awaaaa.

A jet flies over. Jets are very noisy when they're overhead.

A jet goes eeeeeeyowwwooooooooooooooooooooo.

A boy runs by dribbling his basketball: **bomp, bomp, bomp, bomp.**

A lady hurries by us. She is wearing high heels. The lady's high heels go bik bok, bik bok,
A bus is coming. The lady starts to run: bik bik bik bik bik bik.
A bus stops at the corner: pfssssss
The bus starts again: chrroooooooooooooffff.

Around the corner men are digging up the street. They are using a jackhammer.
It makes a loud banging sound: dak-dak-dak-dak-dak-dak-dak. The jackhammer hurts my ears.
I put my hands over my ears as we walk by: dak-dak-dak-dak-dak-dak-dak

Sometimes my father and I take Major to the park. It is quiet there. The sounds in the park are not loud like the noises in the street. My father and I walk down a shady path. I do not talk. I listen. I listen to my father's shoes on the path. They make a soft sound. They go chuff chuff chuff chuff.

I listen to the birds in the park. I listen to the pigeons and the ducks. The pigeons fly down to meet us. They want us to feed them. The pigeons puff up their feathers. They take tiny little steps. They come toward us, nodding their heads. They say prrrrooo prrrrooo prrrrooo prrrrooo.

At the pond the ducks are waiting. They want us to feed them, too. The small ducks swim up close. They turn their heads on one side and look up at us. The small ducks waggle their tails and quack. They say gank gank wonk wonk gank gank.
The big ducks are not so brave. They stay back and swim around in circles. The big ducks look at us but they do not come close. The big ducks say gaaaaank gaaaaank gaaaaank.

Sometimes I hear a woodpecker in the park. The woodpecker sounds like a little hammer.
It goes rat-tat-tat-tat-tat.
In the park I hear crickets in the grass. The crickets go creet creet creet.
I hear the wind in the leaves. It whispers shhhhhhhh h h h h h h h.
I hear bees in the flowers: bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz.

It is fun to go on a Listening Walk. You do not have to go far. You can walk around the block and listen. You can walk around your yard and listen. You do not have to take a walk to hear sounds. There are sounds everywhere all the time. All you have to do is keep still and listen to them.

Right now there are sounds you can hear. When you finish this page, close the book and listen. How many different sounds can you hear right now? Close your book and count them!

Old MacDonald

Old MacDonald had a farm
Ee-yi-ee-i-oh
And on that farm he had a dog
Ee-yi-ee-i-oh
With a woof woof here
And a woof woof there
Here a woof
There a woof
Everywhere a woof woof
Old MacDonald had a farm
Ee-yi-ee-i-oh....

2nd verse: cat/meow

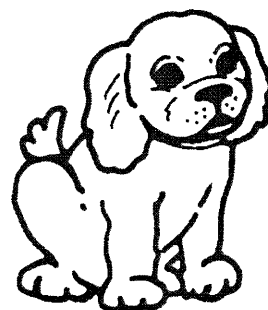
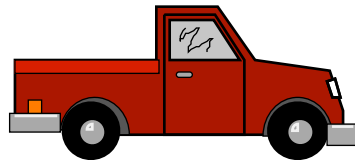
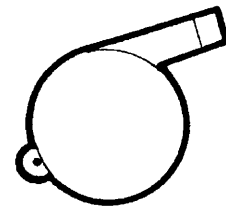
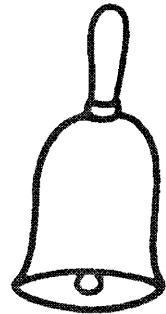
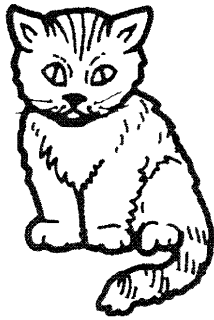
3rd verse: horse/neigh

4th verse: duck/quack

5th verse: cow /moo

6th verse: pig/oink

pictures to cut out and stick on the large picture



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