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Topic: God hears us when we call.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To explain to students that God hears us when we call.



Lesson Takeaway:

God is always ready to listen when we call. He hears when we talk to Him.



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Bible References:

Matthew 7:7 – 11;

Isaiah 59: 1 – 2;

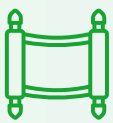
1 John 5: 14 – 15.



What does it mean to hear when someone calls?

To hear means listening attentively to someone's request or need. To hear involves responding to a need or request with understanding, care and concern. Hearing involves engaging with the person calling.

When we talk about God as the One who hears us when we call, we refer to the response we get from God when we talk to Him in prayer or praise. We call, He hears and responds to our worship, needs and requests.



How did God hear when people called in the Old Testament?

Throughout history, God has always paid attention to those who call on Him for help or praise Him for his mighty acts.

In 1 Samuel 1:9 – 20, Hannah asked God for a child. She cried and even promised to give the child back so he would serve God all the days of his life. God heard the prayer of Hannah. He gave her Samuel, who became a great prophet in Israel. God even gave Hannah five more children after she gave Samuel to the Lord (1 Samuel 2:21).



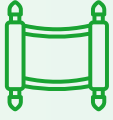


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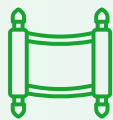


## How did God hear when people called in the Old Testament? (contd.)

In 2 Kings 20:1 – 11, King Hezekiah became sick, and prophet Isaiah told him that he was going to die. Hezekiah quietly turned his face toward the wall, cried and prayed to God. God sent Isaiah back to tell him that He heard his prayer and would add 15 more years to him!

After King Solomon built the temple, he prayed and worshipped God for the temple. The bible says in 2 Chronicles 7:1 that “the glory of the Lord filled the temple”. This was a sign that God heard their prayers.

When three nations came together to fight King Jehoshaphat, he prayed to God for help. He asked the people of Israel to start praising and worshipping God. When everyone started praising God, God made their enemies confused and they began to fight and kill one another (2 Chronicles 20:20 – 25). Jehoshaphat won the battle without fighting!



## How did God hear when people called in the New Testament?

In Mark 10: 46 – 52, when Jesus was passing through Jericho, Bartimaeus cried out, “Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!”. He was blind and wanted to see again. Many people told him to keep quiet, but Jesus heard him. Jesus told Bartimaeus, “Go your way; your faith has made you well” and immediately, his eyes were opened.

When Lazarus died, Mary and Martha sent for Jesus to come to Bethany. When Jesus got their message, he travelled to Bethany and prayed for Lazarus. Lazarus was already dead for four days, but he came out alive from his grave (John 11: 41 – 44).



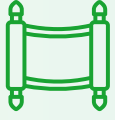


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Cornelius was a Roman centurion, a leader of 100 soldiers, who respected God. He prayed to God and God answered by arranging a meeting between him and Peter. Peter, a disciple of Jesus, met him and told him everything he needed to know about the gospel message of salvation (Acts 10:1 – 33).



How has God been hearing when we call today?

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know” (Jeremiah 33:3). God wants us to talk to Him, to call Him, so that He can show us His beautiful plans for our lives.

When we pray and talk to God, He hears and answers us. He might not answer in our own time or give us exactly what we asked for. But be sure of this – He will answer when the time is right and whatever he does is the best for us.

When we pray, we know that God guides us through His word and the Holy Spirit. His guidance is one of the ways He responds to our prayers. Other times, He reminds us of His promises or assures us of His presence. When He does this, we know that He is listening, and He hears us.

God even hears our thoughts. He knows what is on our mind before we say them out (Psalm 139:4 – 5). Sometimes, we are sad and like Hannah or Hezekiah, we can only cry or mumble words. At these times, God hears our cries and silent prayers. He sends His Holy Spirit to comfort us and fill us with joy and peace.





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How should you respond to God as the One who hears when we call?

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you (Matthew 7:7).

Believe that God hears you when you call. Come into His presence with joy and gladness in your heart because You are sure He hears You when you call.

Ask yourself: what prayers has God answered? Make a list of them and thank God for each prayer he heard. Share what God has done with others so that they can also be encouraged and know that God answers prayers.

Sin might make it impossible for God to answer your prayers (Isaiah 59:1 – 2). Check if there is something you are doing to displease God. Ask God for forgiveness. He will hear the prayer of a sinner who confesses his or her sin (1 John 1:9).



**Memorize:**

Psalm 34:17 – The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles'



**Questions:**

1. Mention three examples of when God heard and responded to prayers or praise in the bible.
2. What can you ask God for today? What can you praise God for today?





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Remember:

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Let us pray:

Dear God, thank You for hearing me when I call You. Thank You for answering my prayers too. Please help me to always talk to you – in good times and bad times. Help me to trust that You hear me every time I call you. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.



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