



CAMP BELIEVE IT

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JESUS AND HOW GOD
SPEAKS TO JESUS.

LUKE 3:2-3, 21-22; PSALM 29:3-9



WEEK

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I believe God can speak to me.

"We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." — John 6:69 (NIV)



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Out in the wild, there are all sorts of animal noises we might miss if we're not quietly listening for them. This week, we'll learn about how John baptized Jesus and how God spoke to Jesus. These stories will help us discover how to listen for God's voice while inviting us to say, "I believe God can speak to me."

Last week, we heard about John the Baptist, a real wilderness guy. John the Baptist lived out in the wild, and his purpose from God was to prepare people for Jesus.

Imagine hanging out in the wild and hearing God's voice speaking to you. That's what happened to John. And this is not the only time we're going to hear about God speaking in today's story. God told John to prepare for Jesus by telling people to turn away from sin and be baptized

Sin is making mistakes or harmful choices that hurt our relationship with God or others. Everyone has done this. I do, and you do. Everyone who ever existed makes mistakes and sins — except for Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, never sinned, but look what happens.

Jesus got baptized, too. Even though Jesus never sinned, he chose to be baptized along with all the people. This was Jesus' chance to let everyone know he was God's son. That way, they'd know to turn to him and trust his words.

When Jesus got baptized, the voice of God came down from heaven and said to Jesus, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Then God's Spirit came down in the form of a dove. It must have been amazing to hear God speak that the man who came out of the water was God's own son.

Camp Believe It? Believe it—it's all true!

Sometimes, God speaks in a quiet voice. But sometimes, God speaks in a voice so powerful that words can barely describe it. Read Psalm 29:3–9.

There is such vivid imagery in this passage like "thunders over mighty waters," "powerful," "majestic," "breaks cedars," "strikes with lightning," "shakes the desert," "twists the oaks," and "strips the forests bare."

God, whether it's through a mighty thunderous voice or in gentle whispers, we believe that you can and do speak to us. Thank you for loving us that much. Help us to know and hear your voice and to learn to listen when you speak to us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE/APPLICATION

WORSHIP



- Where was John when God spoke to him?
- After he received his call from God, what did John do next?
- Read Psalm 29:3–9.
 - What are some words the psalmist uses to describe the voice of God?
- What are some ways we can hear God's voice today?
- How can you be sure God speaks to you?
- What might God be saying to you?

“Speak to Me”

Strive to Be

“Talk to God”

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MEMORIZE



DOVE NECKLACES

When Jesus was baptized, God's Spirit came down in an interesting form. What was it? A dove! Let's make our own camp necklaces with a dove to help us remember that just like God spoke on that day, God speaks to us today. I believe God can speak to me.

Have kids make a dove charm out of Model Magic or air-dry clay using a dove cookie cutter. Have them poke a hole near the top using a pencil, and carefully add in a paper clip or a thin key ring (they may have to stretch out the wire and press it back into shape afterward). Have them knot the pendant to the middle of a length of twine or yarn. Then add some pony beads on either side of the charm. They can then knot the ends and proudly wear their camp necklaces!

Scan QR code to see a worked example.



HEAVENLY DOVE (PRESCHOOL)

Today in our Bible story, we heard an amazing story about John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, God spoke. God can speak to you!

Help kids cut out the dove. Then, trace one hand of each kid on white paper, cut it out, and glue it on the dove's back as the wings. Glue the completed dove onto blue construction paper. Alternatively, print the printable on cardstock and allow kids to stamp their hands on the worksheet using large ink pads or washable paint. Scan QR code to see a worked example.

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