

{ Dinnertime Devotionals }



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Weekly Theme: Listening

Verse #1: Proverbs 18:13

(I use the ESV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

Jr. Discussion Starter: What do the words 'folly' and 'shame' mean? Why should we listen before we speak?

Discussion Starter: Have you ever answered a question before it ended? How could being too quick to speak make us look like a fool?

Verse #2: Proverbs 5:1-2

Jr. Discussion Starter: Rephrase these verses in 'junior' language. Why is it important to protect knowledge? Why do parents give warnings about avoiding certain things?

Discussion Starter: (If you have older boys consider reading this passage through v23.) What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase 'incline your ear to my understanding'? This verse comes from a parent. Why might give a parent better understanding than a teenager?

Verse #3: John 8:47

Jr. Discussion Starter: We can hear the word of God, but last week we learned to be doers of it as well. Why might some people have a hard time hearing the word of God?

Discussion Starter: We should desire the word of God daily. If you don't desire the word daily, what warning could this give us? What is the context of this passage? Using the context, if you aren't listening to God, who are you listening to?

Verse #4: John 10:27-28

Jr. Discussion Starter: When you think of sheep, what do you think of? Did you know that sheep are often quite aggressive and unruly? How should we follow after Jesus?

Discussion Starter: Often overlooked in this passage is the phrase 'and I know them.' Those can be words of great comfort but can also cause fear in some. When we listen to our shepherd Jesus and follow his voice, we are safe, secure and provided for.

Verse #5: Proverbs 2:1-5

Jr. Discussion Starter: (Have a \$20 bill handy.) The bible says that wisdom is a treasure. What could this \$20 bill give you? What could wisdom from listening to God and parents give you?

Discussion Starter: Do you seek after understanding like silver? A quick look at how we spend our time and money will give us the answer. What have you done with your time today? What does it show? How can we change things to better reflect who we want to be?