

Lesson #4
Hebrews 2:1-9
October 8, 2014

**Greet the children and let them know you are excited to teach them from God's Word.*

Before I share our Bible lesson with you today, I'm going to sing you a song. *Sing this simple song to the children to the tune of "The More We Get Together."* (This tune can be found on YouTube.) *Then, sing it again and have the kids sing along with you.*

We listen with our ears, our ears, our ears.

We listen with our ears, so turn them on now.

We listen with our eyes, our eyes, our eyes.

We listen with our eyes, so open them wide.

We listen with our mouths closed, our mouths closed, our mouths closed.

We listen with our mouths closed and our bodies' froze.

That was good singing! What was that song about? *Let the children give some answers and acknowledge their answers by repeating them and commenting on them.* Yes, the song was about how we listen. We listen with our ears. We listen with our eyes. We listen with our mouths closed and our bodies still.

Your mom wants you to be a good listener. She may have something really important to tell you like how to cross the street or how she needs to see you at all times while playing at the park. She may need to warn you if you run into the street without looking both ways. Or, while at the park, if you were to go to the restroom without telling her first she would need to remind you to ask her permission. YIKES! Following these kinds of instructions is really important to your mom because she loves you and wants you to have fun and be safe.

When I have something important I want to tell you, I will do something to get your attention. I might get down on one knee and look straight into your eyes. *Show the kids by acting out what you are saying.* I may ask you to look at me, "turn on" your ears, and quiet your body. After you do all those things, I will begin to talk.

In our Bible passage today, the writer of Hebrews (we don't really know who that is) has something very important to tell us and he (or maybe she!) wants us to listen. If the writer was here with us this morning, he might get down on one knee and look us in the eyes to get our attention. He's not here, of course, but through God's Word the writer of Hebrews gets our attention by first giving us a warning. He says, "**We must pay the most careful attention, to what we have heard so that we do not drift away.**" Hebrews 2:1. Wow! What does he want us to pay careful attention to? He goes on to say that this important message he has to give us was spoken through angels, announced first by God, and confirmed by those who actually walked and talked with Jesus. Well, what IS this message? Do you want to know? I sure do! Okay, let's get ready to listen—look at me with your eyes, turn on your ears, and quiet your bodies. Good job!

Here is the first thing: God made us in charge of everything on Earth. He made us in charge of the creatures in the sea, air and land. It might not seem that we are really in charge right now, but it is true—we are in charge of EVERYTHING! Now, let's think about that for a little bit. What does it mean to be in charge of everything God made? He made the whole earth and every thing in it. Being “in charge” is another way of saying “to take care of.” How can we take care of the earth and the things in it? *(Give them some time to answer the question. They may say things like, recycling, not wasting water, taking care of animals and plants, not littering...)*

The second thing is this: God promises a way for us to live with Him forever on Earth and in Heaven. God saves us from “forever death” and gives us “forever life” through the gift of Jesus. This “forever death” to “forever life” is called salvation. It is a gift from God to EVERYONE. Now that is something to pay special attention to! That is really good and hopeful news, isn't it?

Let's take some time to thank God for His promise to us.

“Dear God, Thank you for making us and putting us in charge of everything on Earth. Help us to be great leaders. Thank you for the promise of life through the gift of Your Son, Jesus. We do not want to drift away from this hope. Help us to pay the most careful attention to You. In Jesus' name, amen.”

Bible verse: “We must pay the most careful attention, to what we have heard so that we do not drift away.” Hebrews 2:1 NIV

Grow at Home #4
Hebrews 2:1-9, Psalm 8:4-6
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Today the children learned these God facts:

- God put us in charge of everything on Earth
- God promises a way for us to live with Him forever

Live It Out:

Our Bible lesson taught us today that it is very important to listen to God. He has much to tell us! One thing He tells us in His Word is that we are in charge over His Creation.

Take a nature walk with your child. Open your eyes, turn on your ears, quiet your bodies, and listen to the sounds around you. Name some of the sounds you hear together (i.e. birds chirping, wind rustling the leaves, etc.) Remind your child that God made the birds, the trees, etc. and He says that we are in charge of those things. Ask your child how we can be good leaders to the things God made.

God also tells us that He doesn't want us to ignore His gift of salvation. Assure your child that he/she is a good listener and that God loves when we listen to Him. He wants us to pay attention to His Word so that we will always walk with Him.

Prayer: "Dear God, Thank You for your creation and promising life through the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Help us listen and pay attention to You because we do not want to drift away from this hope."

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