



You will need...

- A phone
- A Bible

The story

In our children's slots this term, we are answering the question, "What is church for?" This week we're finding out that church is for hearing God speak to us, in the Bible.

[Hold up Bible to show where you are reading from]

Hear what God says in Isaiah chapter 28 verse 23. "Listen and hear my voice, pay attention and hear what I say." "Listen and hear my voice, pay attention and hear what I say."

When we hear the Bible we are hearing God speak, it is his voice. When we hear the Bible we find out what God is like. We find out what we are like. We find out how to be in his family. We find out what heaven will be like. We find out everything we need to know about us, about Him and about the world we live in. Because God is our creator, He made us so He knows everything about us.

[Hold up phone]

Now I wonder, who do you get excited about when the phone rings? Is there someone you look forward to speaking to on Skype or FaceTime? Is there someone who you love who lives too far away for you to knock on their door? When you get to speak to them you want to find out how they are. You want to hear what they have been doing that week. You want to listen to what they have got to say. It is so exciting to hear from someone who loves you. We listen so carefully because we don't want to miss anything that they say. Now that is just someone who loves you. But imagine hearing from the one who made you! Imagine hearing from the one who died to save you! Imagine hearing from the one who loves you more than anyone else ever could! That is what happens when we listen to the Bible. We hear the voice of God. That's a great reason to come to church! To gather together and hear the God speak to us in the Bible.

In a few minutes the children will go out to their groups and the adults will stay here, but what everyone in the building will be doing is listening to God speak. So as you're sitting next to someone while God is speaking and the Bible is being explained, do everything you can to help them listen. If they are nodding off after a busy day or a big meal just whisper in their ear "this is the best bit". If they look are fidgeting or playing with someone or just not listening you can



whisper in their ear “you need to listen to this, this is terrific, this is God speaking”. Will you make it easy for the person sat next to you to listen to God speak? Will you love them enough to help them to hear? Let’s pray that we would be a Church who help each other to hear God speak.

Let’s pray.

Dear Father, we thank you that we can come to church to hear you speak to us, together with our brothers and sisters from Jesus’s family. Father, we pray that we would be a church who love to listen to you. Father, help us to do all that we can to help others hear their creator and their saviour speaking to them.

Amen.