

KEY THEME: Listening to and Respecting others

We can show a person how valuable they are by listening to them when they talk.



MEMORY VERSE:

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

- James 1:19b NIV

CASE FILE:



SUBJECT:

Leonard Nickleroy, aka Gigahurt, the most famous computer hacker of all time.

OBJECTIVE:

In today's episode, Ryan faces an evil computer genius and learns that video games are awesome..., except when they distract us from what's really important!

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

- Have you every tried to tell a friend something but they weren't paying attention? How did that make you feel? How did it make Ryan feel?
- 2. Why do you think God wants us to listen to others? (To show them they are special and loved.)
- 3. How can you tell when someone is listening to you? (They look you in the eye, ask questions, etc.) How can you tell when they aren't paying attention? (look away, distracted, etc.)
- 4. Do you ever find it hard to listen to your parents? Why do you think parents often have so much to say? (They have important instructions, etc.)
- 5. There are a lot of things that can distract us from listening to other

- people. Can you think of some distractions? (video games, tv, cell phones, etc.) Are these things bad? (No, but they can be used in the wrong way.)
- 6. In today's Bible story, God spoke to Samuel even though he was just a small boy. Do you think God still speaks to people?
- 7. How does God speak to us? (through the Bible, in a sermon.) How do we speak to him? (through prayer.)
- 8. God doesn't usually speak out loud like He did to Samuel. Sometimes He whispers it quietly in our hearts. The next time you read your Bible or pray, ask God to speak to you and listen carefully to what He says!



BIBLE STORY:

The boy Samuel listens to God. (1 Samuel 3:1-11)



So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." - 1 Samuel 3:9a (NIV)