

Listening Award

Zoom Scavenger Hunt Hijinks: Listen Up, Adventurers!

Goal: Earn the Listening Adventurer Award by embarking on a Zoom scavenger hunt that tests your listening skills, teaches you about Bible stories, and sparks creative fun!

Requirement for the Listening Award:

1. Memorize and explain two of the following Bible verses about listening:
 - a. James 1:19
 - b. Jeremiah 29:11-12
 - c. Jeremiah 13:15
 - d. Proverbs 1:8
 - e. Isaiah 59:1
2. Tell one of the following Bible stories about listening:
 - a. Samuel listening – 1 Samuel 3
 - b. Jesus listening – Luke 2:41-49
3. Learn the following principles of listening:
 - a. Listen to God.
 - b. Always be ready to listen. “My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19
 - c. Be patient. Listening takes time, but the reward far exceeds the investment.
 - d. Be obedient. Listen and respond to the first-time instruction is given.
 - a. Be kind. Listening is a gift, so be the first one to lead out in listening. Be a listening role model.
 - b. Be respectful. Listen to others and let them finish their story before you talk.
 - c. Be attentive. Pay attention while others are speaking.
4. Make a craft that relates to listening.
5. Play a listening game.

Materials:

- List of scavenger hunt clues related to listening principles and Bible stories (see below)
- Printable sheets with activities for each clue (optional)
- Pencils or crayons
- Craft materials for "listening ear" headband or other related craft
- Access to Zoom and a hidden object in your zoom background for the final challenge

Preparation:

- Hide the final object (small toy, picture, etc.) somewhere in your Zoom background.
- Print and prepare scavenger hunt clues and activity sheets (optional).
- Choose a "Listening Leader" from the participants to keep track of completed clues.

Instructions:

1. Opening Greeting: Welcome everyone and explain the goal of the scavenger hunt – becoming Super Listeners and Earn the Listening Adventurer Award! Briefly go over the listening principles (see #3 above) and introduce the Bible stories they'll encounter.
2. Scavenger Hunt Hijinks: Start the hunt! Each clue (see examples below) will require attentive listening, problem-solving, and teamwork. Participants can use Zoom screen sharing, chat, and video to collaborate and find the answers.

Sample Scavenger Hunt Clues:

1. James 1:19 Hint: Find something colorful that reminds you to be "slow to speak." (Answer: A red stop sign in someone's background)
2. Samuel Listening Hint: Look for someone wearing blue – remember the color of Samuel's robe when God called him. (Answer: A friend wearing blue clothes)
3. Be Patient Hint: Find something round that takes time to fill up, just like listening takes time. (Answer: A water bottle or clock)
4. Be Respectful Hint: Find someone smiling and give them a thumbs-up for being a good listener. (Answer: Another participant on Zoom)
5. Activity Time: After solving each clue, participants can do a related activity on their printable sheets (optional). Activities could include drawing about the Bible story, writing a listening prayer, or practicing attentive listening with a partner.
6. Listening Craft: Gather around for a fun group craft! Make "listening ear" headbands with construction paper, pipe cleaners, and glitter. Decorate them with symbols of good listening like hearts, open ears, and quiet mouths.
7. Final Challenge: Time for the "Listening Leader" to shine! They quietly describe the hidden object in their Zoom background (color, shape, location). Everyone uses their super listening skills to find it! The first to say the object's name wins and everyone celebrates becoming Super Listeners!

Wrap-up:

Congratulate everyone on their listening adventures! Discuss how important listening is in our lives and how hearing God's message is a special gift. Encourage them to practice their Super Listener skills throughout the day.

Bonus:

- Play a listening game after the scavenger hunt, like "Simon Says" but with silent actions, or pass a whisper around the Zoom circle.
- Participants can share their listening experiences in the next Adventurer meeting.

Remember:

Adjust the difficulty of the clues and activities based on your group's age and understanding. Keep it fun, interactive, and full of listening surprises! By combining Zoom's unique platform with engaging activities, this scavenger hunt will turn "Listen Up, Adventurers!" into a memorable and meaningful learning experience.