

GO DEEPER

SPECIAL WORDS

CALL

(HOLD HAND UP TO EAR LIKE A PHONE)

UPON ME

(POINT UP)

AND I WILL HEAR YOU

(CUP HANDS BEHIND EARS)

MEMORY VERSE

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (ESV)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: GOD IS REAL

READ - 1 Kings 18:20-39

Set a real food item and a pretend food item on a table. Which one would you rather have? The Israelites turned away from God and gave all their attention to other things. These things, called idols, took God's place in their hearts! But these idols could not compare with the real, living God! Idols are just as fake as that pretend food! When we struggle with making God the most important thing in our lives, we can call on Him for help! **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**

DAY 2: TALK TO GOD

READ - Jeremiah 29:12-13

Direct your child to stand in another room in the house and call out your name. When you hear your child calling, immediately go to them. Say to your child, "Just like you called me and I came, God hears you when you call on Him and He answers you!" You can call on God whenever you want. God loves when we talk with Him and He really listens. **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**

DAY 3: GOD IS POWERFUL

READ - 1 Kings 18:36-40

Can you think of some things that are impossible for a person to do? There are many things that we can't do because we are not all-powerful, but there is someone who is - God! In our story today, Elijah called on God, and God sent a fire from Heaven that burned the altar and the ground around it. The idols that the Israelites worshiped couldn't do that, only God could! Elijah believed that God would answer his prayer! **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**

DAY 4: GOD DOES NOT GET TIRED

READ - Romans 12:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Let's pretend we are sleeping. Why do we sleep at night? Because we're tired! We need to sleep to have energy for the daytime! But did you know that God never gets tired and He doesn't need to sleep? God is there to talk to us anytime we want or need, day or night, and He loves when we talk to Him! He wants to hear about our day, the good stuff and the not so fun stuff. **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**

Day 5: PRAISE OUR BIG GOD

Read - Psalm 66:17-20

What's the biggest animal you've ever seen? How about the tallest building? Did you know that God is even bigger than those things? It's so awesome to think that a God who is so big wants to be close with us! He loves us so much. He wants us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness when we make mistakes and praise Him for how great He is. It's amazing that God is never too busy to listen to us when we call on Him. Take time today to talk to God and praise Him! **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**



FIRE FROM ABOVE

Materials: Paper Tube, Red/Orange/Yellow Tissue Paper Pieces, Glue, Scissors, String, Markers

In the contest between the prophets of Baal and Elijah, God showed Himself as the one and only true God by sending fire to burn up the wet altar. Create your own "fire" to remember that God hears you when you call on Him.

Create a "fire tube". First, take a few moments to think about God's power and what He can do because He's the one and only God. Then use a marker to write a word about God on the tube. Next, use pieces of tissue paper and glue them onto the tube. You can crinkle the paper before gluing it or glue it down perfectly smooth.

When you have finished turning the outside of the tube into a colorful fire mosaic, thread a long string through the tube. Tape one end of the string onto the ground or a table. Then, hold the other end of the string as high as you can reach and bring the tube to the top. Release the tube and let it slide down the string toward the floor.

When you are finished playing with your fire tube, tie the two ends of the string together and hang your "fire" somewhere in the room where you can see it. Then you can remember how God sent fire down to show that He is the one true God who hears His children when they call on Him.



CREATIVE CRITTERS

Materials: Various Office/Art Supplies

It doesn't take a lot of time or effort to make something that amuses us. Use the various art supplies you can find around the house to make one-of-a-kind little critters.

It's fun to make little creatures, but it would be silly and more importantly sinful to worship them. Psalm 89:8 reminds us that our worship is for God alone. "O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you."



The world we live in makes up its own gods—some of stone and wood, others in the form of TVs, DVDs, computer games and other cool stuff. Don't waste your time putting faith in any of these. You will not be heard. We can worship and call on the one true God because He alone hears and loves us.



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "God wants me to talk to Him and He hears me!" As you tuck them into bed, sing, "God is Listening" (<https://tinyurl.com/GodHears>). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

*Dear God,
Thank you for being the One True God.
You love when I talk to You.
Thank you for hearing me.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*