

Engage

7-11s discover the adventure!

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Hear this

Introduce the theme of these activities. Isaiah was chosen by God to share His messages with others; to be a prophet. He was to speak words which the people of his time didn't want to listen to, instead choosing not to believe but Isaiah knew it was important to listen to God.

Value/characteristic: **Listening**

Character: **Isaiah**

Plug in

Play the game Follow That Sound.

You'll need:

- A set of cones/markers/teddies/chairs
- Blindfold/scarf/jumper
- Various musical instruments/pans/wooden spoons/homemade shakers to make sounds with.

You need two people to play - one person is to be the guide, with the instrument; the other is to be the follower, wearing the blindfold. Set up the cones/markers around the room to create a course that you can navigate in your pair (safely!). The guide has to make a sound with their instrument, which their partner then has to try and follow.

Following this, set the challenge of having two or three instruments played at the same time. Ask the follower how they found the challenge. Share how with so many different sounds going on, it can be difficult to be heard. Make the link to how sometimes in life it can also be hard to make ourselves heard by others.

Connect

Create a 'Have a cuppa' type event by inviting people in your household to join you for some tea and cake/biscuits, while being provided with the opportunity to have a chat and to listen to one another! If you have ingredients, you could bake some cakes by following a simple recipe e.g. www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/liced-fairy-cakes.

Reconnect

Say a short prayer together:

*Dear God, please help me to be a good listener. Help me listen to my family so that I can hear their stories and help them to know that they are valuable. Help me to listen to you, God, so that I can hear what you would like to say to me today.
Amen*

Get connected

The prophets, like Isaiah, in the Bible were a bit like alarm clocks, providing the people with wake-up calls when they're weren't living as God had hoped. People didn't want to hear this, and chose instead not to listen to Isaiah, but he knew it was important to listen to God.

Read more about Isaiah in the Bible Isaiah Ch.6:8-10 or look it up in a children's version of the Bible, such as the Good News Translation, using www.biblegateway.com.

Power up

Set your child the challenge of being a reporter, and interviewing family members with a series of questions that they create. They can interview household members in person or phone/video call other family members or friends to conduct the interviews. Use this to demonstrate that by listening to other people it can help them to know that they are valuable.