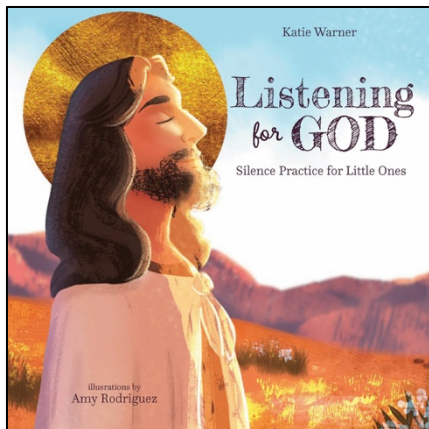


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LISTENING FOR GOD

Silence Practice for Little Ones

Interactive Picture Book Reflects on the Biblical Story of Elijah, Teaching Children How to Listen for God's Voice



Parents and teachers can plant the seeds for young children to develop the habit of silence and prayer in a busy, noisy world, and the new book *Listening for God: Silence Practice for Little Ones* (TAN Books) is the perfect resource to help.

In her newest title, bestselling children's book author **Katie Warner** highlights the biblical story of Elijah to help children understand the importance of silence in listening for God's still, small voice and uncovering His adventurous plan for their lives.

Through bright and captivating illustrations and a compelling storyline, *Listening for God* shares the story of the prophet Elijah who waited for God's direction, but couldn't hear Him amidst the loud wind, a roaring fire, or a rumbling earthquake. It was only in stillness that Elijah heard the voice of God.

The book creatively invites children to reenact the story, by blowing air and swinging their arms around like the mighty wind, thumping and rumbling the ground like an earthquake, and roaring like a fire, all before quieting their voices and their thoughts to practice silence.

Children and adults alike will take away valuable lessons from the book, including:

- God wants to speak to you! The more we practice listening for Him, the more we prepare our hearts to hear His voice and follow the direction He has for our lives.
- God is *already* speaking to you! He speaks to you through His Word (the Bible), through other people, and through the blessings and gifts He gives us. We should always be listening for these messages of love from Him.
- Relationships take effort. We can grow in relationship with Jesus when we give Him our time and our hearts. Even just a few minutes of silent time each day can grow into future holy hours that our children will spend with their Savior and Best Friend.

Lindsay, a reader, writes: "The First Faith Treasury books are all so good, and this might just be my favorite. I love a picture book that speaks as much to me as it does to my children. The illustrations are gorgeous and inclusive, while the text brings the Bible to life in a way my kids can access easily. My ten-year-old and three-year-old are equally delighted by this. Highly recommend."

Listening for God, with its interactive elements that make children eager to read again and again, will become an invaluable resource to your family's prayer life.

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Katie Warner is a homeschooling mom, writer, and speaker who loves to create and share resources to raise faith-filled families.

Katie is the author and editor of the First Faith Treasury children's book series, *Head & Heart: Becoming Spiritual Leaders for Your Family*, and the popular prayer journal collection including *A Parent Who Prays* and *A Spouse Who Prays*.

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Suggested Interview Questions:

1. Katie, what gave you the idea to write this children's book?
2. How is this a tool to help instruct and guide children to understand God?
3. Why did you decide to focus on the prophet Elijah?
4. What is the importance in helping children understand the value of quiet time and listening for God?
5. What are some of your suggestions on incorporating a time of quietness and listening for God in their regular routine?
6. Should parents expect this to take time for children to understand and start to practice this on their own?
7. What was your own children's response as you guided them to listen for God?
8. What is your hope for adults and children who read this book?
9. Can parents use listening for God to start a spiritual tradition in their families?
10. Where can we find more information about your other writings?

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