



YouthBytes.org - A Powerful Tool for Youth Workers

YouthBytes is a simple, yet effective tool in the hands of those who have a passion to reach and teach this generation. The Episode Guide is designed to help you implement YouthBytes into your particular setting at whatever level you choose: from a full meeting schedule to just a small video to enhance your meeting. We encourage each worker to add his or her own stories, experiences and illustrations to make your particular scenario work. The discussion questions are also just a starting point and we encourage each group to go further and deal with local issues and topics that might be relevant.

Each YouthByte Episode will include :

- Video summary
- Icebreaker
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- Facts, figures and illustrations used in the episode
- Key Scriptures
- Complimentary story
- Discussion Questions

We look forward to getting your feedback and comments for these Episode Guides. Also let us know what subjects you would want new YouthBytes to cover. As always, testimonies are welcome. Comments, ideas, and testimonies can be sent to feedback@youthbytes.org.

Disc 8 ~ Final Destination GPS



Video Summary

From somewhere, high above the earth, satellites help us navigate our way through difficult terrain. They are like God, sending impulses to a GPS receiver that speaks to us in our hearts. Chad's hilarious interactions with the GPS in this episode teach many valuable lessons about the way God wants to speak to us and guide our lives.



Icebreaker ~ Blonde at the Appliance Store

A blonde went to the appliance store sale and found a bargain. "I would like to buy this TV," she told the salesman.

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

She hurried home and dyed her hair, then came back and again told the salesman, "I would like to buy this TV."

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

"Oh no, he recognized me," she thought.

She went for a complete disguise this time; haircut and new color, new outfit, big sunglasses, then waited a few days before she again approached the salesman. "I would like to buy this TV."

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

Frustrated, she exclaimed, "How do you know I'm a blonde?"

"Because that's a microwave," he replied.



Primary Lesson ~ Learning to hear the voice of God's Spirit

This lesson reveals, in an illustrative way, how people can learn to hear the voice of God's Spirit. The Holy Spirit is frequently speaking to our hearts, but sadly most people either ignore His voice or they don't follow it even though they know His will. The Bible says it is possible to grieve the Holy Spirit to a place where He won't speak to you (e.g. King Saul in 1 Samuel 28:6).

In this episode, Chad has to come to a place where he realizes how lost he can be without the Holy Spirit's guidance. Only then does he repent and ask that he might hear that guiding voice again. That voice leads him to find the amazing treasure of God's Word. This point shows finally that the Holy Spirit will guide a person into all truth through the Scriptures.



Facts, Figures & Illustrations

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is currently the only fully functional Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS). More than two dozen GPS satellites are in medium Earth orbit, transmitting signals allowing GPS receivers to determine the receiver's location, speed and direction.

Since the first experimental satellite was launched in 1978, GPS has become an indispensable aid to navigation around the world, and an important tool for map-making and land surveying. GPS also provides a precise time reference used in many applications including scientific study of earthquakes, and synchronization of telecommunications networks.

Developed by the United States Department of Defense, it is officially named NAVSTAR GPS (NAVigation Satellite Timing And Ranging Global Positioning System). The satellite constellation is managed by the United States Air Force 50th Space Wing. The cost of maintaining the system is approximately US\$750 million per year, including the replacement of aging satellites, and research and development. Despite this fact, GPS is free for civilian use as a public good.

Source: Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org) – The Free Encyclopedia



Key Scriptures (From New King James Version, unless otherwise noted)

1 Corinth 2:11-12 ~ *For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

John 16:13 ~ *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

John 10:27 ~ *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

1 Samuel 28:6 ~ *And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets.*

Ephesians 4:30 ~ *And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.*

(New Living Translation- NLT)



Discussion Questions

1. Discuss what was the most impactful part of this episode to you personally?
2. God can speak in different ways. Sometimes it is through circumstances, through your conscience, through parents and friends, through your church or through His Word. Give examples of ways God has spoken to you in the past?
3. How do you test so that you know that what you are hearing is coming from God and not your own mind or the devil? (Hint: agrees with Bible, spiritual leaders, and it brings spiritual fruit)
4. Pray for each other that God will give you a greater sensitivity to hear His voice.



Complimentary Story ~ Preaching to the Monkeys

There was an African evangelist by the name of Simon who used to travel from village to village in West Africa preaching the Gospel to the native peoples. One day on a dangerous dirt road with jungles on either side of him, Simon was walking between two villages. He was singing and whistling as he went. He carried his Bible under his arm and a few meager possessions slung over his shoulder. Suddenly he heard in his heart what he was sure was a clear word from heaven. It was a Scripture from Mark 16:15 that says "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Simon stopped looking for someone to preach the message of salvation to. Seeing nobody, he began to doubt what he had heard. Suddenly he heard a rustling in the trees and looked up to discover a large troop of monkeys playing in the branches. "Surely God does not want me to preach to those monkeys," he thought. As he started to walk on his way, he heard that word in his heart now even stronger "Preach the gospel to every creature!" Thinking this was a giant test of his obedience, Simon put his belongings down by the side of the road and opened his well-worn Bible and began to give those monkeys his finest sermon. He told them how they were in need of a Savior and how Christ had died on the cross for their sins. He told them how Jesus had risen from the dead and was now alive and reachable by faith. He preached about forgiveness and judgment, of heaven and of hell. The poor monkeys were curious for a short time over this strange man waving his hands and a book at them but then seemed inattentive to his well-crafted message. They continued to swing from the trees and play with each others' tails.

Feeling quite satisfied with his sermon, Simon folded up his Bible and started to walk a few paces down the road. Suddenly he had a clear impression, which he felt surely came from God: "You forgot to give an altar call." Thinking the African sun might be getting to him, Simon thought, "Surely God does not want me to ask those monkeys to come down and make a commitment to Christ!" Despite the battle for sanity in his mind, the impression remained and only got stronger. Reluctantly Simon went back to his spot in front of the monkeys. "If any of you," he said, "want to get your lives right with God then I want you to come to this dirt road and I will pray for you to get saved." He felt very foolish, as there was a sudden hushed silence from the branches above. Then suddenly he heard a rustling from the bushes immediately below the monkeys. From out of the bushes came 14 women who had seen a strange man coming down the road and had dived into those bushes to hide. All the while that Simon preached to the monkeys they had been listening to the Gospel message. All 14 of them then knelt at the side of the road and gave their hearts to Christ.