Hear and Do

In James’s letter, he wrote words like these: My dear brothers and sisters, you must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. You must get rid of every evil and wrong thing you do. Do not be prideful; accept God’s teaching with which you are filled. It has the power to save you. Do not just listen to God’s Word—you must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. It is pointless to listen to the Word and not obey it. That would be like looking at your face in a mirror, and when you walk away you forget how you look. If you claim to be religious but do not watch what you say, you are fooling yourself. Your religion is worthless. But if you look carefully into the perfect law and do what it says, then God will bless you for doing it. Religion that God accepts as pure and faultless is this: (1) to look after orphans and widows in their distress; and (2) to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Key Verse: Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. (James 1:22)
Hello, everyone! Ruby here! Have you ever heard the phrase “we have two ears and one mouth, so we can listen twice as much as we speak”? What do you think that means? Do you agree? In today’s Bible lesson, James says, “We should be quick to listen and slow to speak.” Have you ever said something you should not have said? I sure have! I’m going to take both James’s and Arianna’s advice and try to listen more. This week, look for ways to be a good listener at home, at school, and at church.

“L-I-S-T-E-N” was Mr. T.V.’s way of getting the children quiet in Children’s Church. Whenever they were too loud, he would spell out the word listen. Arianna remembered his words in school today and she could not wait to tell her parents what happened.

“Hey, Mama and Daddy, where are you? I have something to tell you!” Arianna shouted.

“We’re out back!” Mom yelled from the back door. “What are you so excited about?”

“At school today, I won a trip to the zoo,” Arianna commented.

“A trip to the zoo! How did that happen?” Dad asked.

“We have been talking about different animals in science. The teacher told us to pay close attention and to listen to the facts,” Arianna explained.

“But that still doesn’t explain how you won the trip to the zoo,” Mom noted.

“I remembered what Mr. T.V. said in Children’s Church, so I was listening to all the information. And guess what? I wrote down the most facts and won the trip to the zoo!” Arianna exclaimed.

“Congratulations! We are both very proud of you,” Dad replied.

“Thank you. I’m glad I won,” Arianna said.
Unscrambling

Unscramble each of the scrambled-up words from today’s Bible story. Write the correct word on the line beside its scrambled-up version. You may use the listed words as clues. The first letter of each word is capitalized and in bold.

angry • control • hearts • listen
mirror • orphans • tongue

1. saphroN
2. nrgyA
3. geTnou
4. nesitL
5. sreaHt
6. ooltCnr
7. rrorMi
Headline News

Think of a headline (a catchy title) for today's lesson. Write it in the space below, along with a summary of today's lesson.