

## ACTIVITY #3

FAMILY DISCUSSION AND GAMES

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Take some time to think about how the deaf man had to live before Jesus healed him.

- What kinds of sounds would you miss hearing the most? How would you know what someone was trying to tell you?
- Would you be able to communicate as well if you couldn't talk? How would you communicate with someone?
- As a family, discuss what you think life would be like today if you couldn't hear or talk.
- Can you find some positives as well as the things you might miss out on?

After your discussion, it's time to have some fun!

**Game 1: Charades - You'll need some paper, scissors, and a pen.**

- This classic game can help you understand what it's like to not be able to talk! On your paper, list some common, everyday things you can act out. Some ideas might be animals, jobs, chores around the house, sports, etc. (If you have little ones that can't read, draw or print out some basic pictures. Flashcards work great for this, too!)
- Cut the paper into pieces, fold them up, and place them in a pile or bowl.
- One person draws out a paper, reads it, then acts it out - without making any noise! - while the others try to guess. Continue until everyone has had a turn, or you run out of clues to act out.

**Game 2: What Did You Say? - You'll need some paper, scissors, a pen, a way to play some instrumental music, and some headphones to hear the music**

- In this game, you'll get to experience what it's like to not be able to hear! On your paper, write some common, every day words or phrases. Don't make them too long - 3 to 4 words is the ideal length (go shorter for younger kids, or longer for older ones). You can also use images for kiddos who can't read yet.
- Cut the paper into pieces, fold them up, and place them in a pile or bowl.
- One person puts on the headphones and listens to the instrumental music. It should be loud enough that they can't hear others talking (but not too loud!).
- Another person picks a clue and quietly reads it out loud. The person wearing the headphones has to guess what is being said only by reading lips! Continue until everyone has had a turn, or you run out of clues to read.