



4. Bible Study

10 minutes

The Israelites Choose to Listen to God: Exodus 33:7-11

Set Up: Relay this story to the boys or use the J. B. Beaver puppet and the following skit.

(J. B. is listening to someone on the telephone.)

LEADER: J. B. is on the telephone. We should be quiet so he can hear the other person.

J. B.: The operator has me listening to music. It sounds like the kind of music those great big bands make. You know—like that Boston Papa guy. I've been here since six o'clock tonight.

LEADER: Boston Pops—that's the name of the orchestra. Why are you still listening? Most people won't wait that long.

J. B.: I know, but I kind of like the music.

LEADER: The Israelites chose to listen to God much the same way J. B. has chosen to listen to the music. Moses would take a small tent out away from the camp. He called it the "tent of meeting." Whenever Moses would go out there, the people would watch from the entrances of their tents in the camp. The pillar of cloud that God used to lead the Israelites would come down to the opening of the tent, and God and Moses would talk to each other as friends would talk. When the Israelites saw the cloud come down, they worshiped because they knew God was talking with their leader. Then Moses would come back to the camp and tell the Israelites what God had to say. The people chose to listen to God.

LEADER: *(turning to J. B.)* J. B., are you still on hold?

J. B.: Yeah, but the Latin beat is pretty cool while I'm waiting for this missionary in Africa to answer.

LEADER: *(panicky)* Africa! J. B., that is long distance. Give me the phone. *(The leader takes the phone and J. B. exits.)*