



## n:vestigation: Listen up

### Explore It!

Share this story with your child about how Gabby is starting a new cookery club at school. To help her get ready for this, Gabby's mum asks her to pack the small lunch tub in her school bag. But Gabby is too busy playing and isn't listening properly. Instead she packs the large lunch tub. When she gets to cookery club she opens it up and whoops... discovers it's her dad's sandwiches! Not what you need to make fairy cakes – and not a good start to her new club. How can Gabby become a better listener? Let's n:vestigate...

### Jump Up!

Play Have You Heard? with your child. Share a series of sound recordings of things, found on the internet, that are found around the home such as the kettle boiling, microwave spinning and toilet flushing, and encourage the children to try and guess what they are.



### Get Mucky!

Set your child the challenge of making their own version of the Have You Heard? game for you to guess. If there is more than one child able to play, as well as recording sounds around the home and garden, they could also create their own score-chart to go with the game and take it in turns to guess one another's sounds.

### Zoom In!

On a series of large cards, write contrasting statements to do with being a good and also being a bad listener, for example 'looks at the person talking' and 'looks away from the person talking'. Out of the mixture of cards, encourage your child to select those which they think describe a good listener.

### Dig Deep!

Share with your child about a character in the Bible called Isaiah. Explain how he had the job of being someone who shared God's messages with others. This was a challenging role, especially as the people he shared with didn't want to listen to him, but he knew it was important to listen to God. Read more about Isaiah in the Bible Isaiah Ch.6:8-10 or look it up in a children's version of the Bible, such as the Good News Translation, using [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com).

Ask your child how they've felt if they've not been listened to. Explain how it's important to be listened to, and to be a good listener too. It's also a brilliant way to find out lots of new, interesting and important things!

Provide your child with the opportunity to listen to some music and say a short prayer together asking God to help them to be good listeners.

### Connect

Why not explore with your child the charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People? They can find out about how dogs can be taught to listen carefully too to help people with hearing impairments. Why not watch the video at [www.hearingdogs.org.uk/helping-deaf-people/](http://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/helping-deaf-people/) that demonstrates dogs listening to help their owners?

