DAY 5: I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY—OVERVIEW

Key Concept
• We can use our voices to speak up for others.
• Small actions can lead to big results.

Key Words
• Advocate: when we use our words to help others or ourselves.

Campers Will
• Campers will learn about using their voices to speak up for others.

Garden Guide
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Anchor Object
Paintbrush

Story Station
At this station, we will meet a servant girl who served the wife of a sick general. The servant girl had an idea to help the general. She told the general’s wife, who spoke to someone else, who spoke to someone else until the general was given instructions to wash in the river to heal!

Materials
• Bowls and water
• Posterboard, white board, or flip chart
  ○ List of Bible characters in order of appearance
• (Optional) Paintbrush
• Paper
• Watercolor paints
Create Station
At this station, Campers will head outside to draw a river and practice washing away the things that separate us!

Materials
• Chalk in a variety of colors
• Buckets of water
• A doll to represent Naaman

Play Station
At this station, Campers will practice leading with their voices.

Materials
• Painter’s tape
• Blindfolds (#= total number of participants & halve it)
• Objects to make a small obstacle course (make use of what you have)

Transition Suggestions
• Leading With Your Voice: Fill downtime and/or transitions to practice leading with our voice by playing Simon Says.
  ○ Ex: Simon says: Jump on one leg.

• Picasso Painting: While transitioning, instruct campers to pretend to paint the world around them using an imaginary palette and canvas in front of them. Verbally add details to help students imagine painting a community garden scene.
SCRIPTURE STORY: Naaman is Healed of Leprosy, 2 Kings 5:1-14

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”

Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: “With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.”

As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”

But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage. Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed!’” So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.
Good morning, everyone, and welcome back to JUST Like Me Vacation Bible School! Today is our last day together here in the garden. We’ve had so much fun all week long and we have a day full of learning and friends planned for today!

We’ve learned a lot of songs this week, so we’re going to start by singing some together!

Play JUST Like Me Theme Song

Select second song from week to practice.

Select third song from week to practice.

Great job! You all learned those songs so fast!

This week, we met a group of Gardeners and Bible story characters that taught us some really important phrases that we can remember.

On Monday, Amani taught us “I Wonder!” Who can tell me what wondering is?

On Tuesday, Mateo taught us that “I Have Something to Shout About!” Who can tell me what that means?

On Wednesday, Kay taught us that “I Have Something to Share!” What are some things that we can share with others?

On Thursday, Kofi taught us that “I Need My People.” Can someone give me an example of people that are a part of your beloved community?

Great job remembering!

Today we have one more phrase to learn and meet one more friend from the garden. Our phrase for today is “I Have Something to Say.”

OPTIONAL TEASER VIDEO
Play “I Have Something to Say” before Welcoming students.

INTERACT WITH CAMPERS
• Ask Campers which songs they would like to practice and invite volunteers to lead the group for a more interactive opening session.

NEW SONG TIP:
• Play each new song at least twice.
• Utilize motions to help Campers learn lyrics.
• Include a Music Station for Campers to practice new songs.
• If you have support from the music ministry, ask the choir or worship leader to teach new songs.

SHOW OFF MAYA
• Project Maya’s image on worship screens.
• Print a large poster of Maya for Campers to see.
Can you say it back to me? "I have something to say." Let's try it a little louder, "I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY!" One more time, with very soft voices, "I have something to say."

On Tuesday, we talked about shouting out, but today we are talking about speaking up. Each and every one of us is filled with knowledge and ideas. We all see the world differently and observe different things when we start wondering! It's true that we can use our voices to speak up for ourselves, but we can also use our voices to problem solve, speak up for others, and share all of the wonderful ideas in our brains!

Let's learn today's song that will help us remember that "I Have Something to Say."

**Play I Have Something to Say**

I want to introduce you to my new friend, Maya.

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One time, Maya noticed that her church wasn't recycling. Maya loves the community garden, and she knows that recycling is a part of her job to take care of our planet. Maya knew that her church could do better, so she talked to her Sunday School class. All of her classmates thought that recycling was a great idea! They worked together to write a letter to the congregation to share their ideas, and guess what? The church started recycling!

Maya loves to use art to share her ideas so you can usually find her with a paintbrush or a big sign to tell you about the change that she wants to see in the world.

**Anchor Object Script (Optional)**

Look! I have a paintbrush and sign just like Maya! Your Garden Guides have some for you as well!
I can use my paintbrush to communicate all sorts of things!

Let’s take just a moment to pretend to paint a sign right in front of us!

**Gathering Script Continued**
We all have something to say and I can’t wait to hear the things that you have to say today!

*Play JUST Like Me Theme Song*