

Learn to Listen **by David Stallard**

At camp this past week, The Call Outdoors spoke at the evening session about what our ministry has to offer. It's always a fun time to be able to show kids something that most of them have never seen or heard before. We started off the night showing some retrieving with my one year old golden retriever "Drake". Drake ran a couple of marks and did some directional stuff as well as kenneling when told. It was cool to see the reaction of the kids and counselors while watching Drake retrieve. In fact, one counselor said he seemed to be behaved better then some of the kids.

After we were done working with Drake, I challenged the kids to listen. I think there is a big difference from hearing and listening. Just because someone hears something doesn't mean they listen. Listening is a decision to follow direction.

When we read the Bible, do we listen? Or how many times do we read and hear the message but choose not to listen?

The book of Proverbs uses the word listen over and over again. Read through a chapter a day and think about its applications. The challenge is simple in thought but hard to always deliver. "Listen"!!!