

God The Techie?

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MATERIALS AND ADVANCE PREPARATION:

- 1 Bibles for each student
- 2 Bible concordances
- 3 Newsprint and markers

SESSION OUTLINE

FOCUS

Begin the session with the following question, and ask students to go to different sides of the room based on their answer: "Yes" answers to one side, and "no" answers to the other side.

The question: *Is God a techie?*

Discuss their answers.

CONNECT TO THE BIBLE STORY

Divide into small groups and hand out Bibles, concordances, newsprint and markers. Give the groups 30 minutes to complete this assignment:

Find examples throughout the Bible of how God communicated with people. What kind of "technology" did God use? (Think rainbows, plagues, still small voice, Jesus'

parables, whales, visions, etc.) Make a list on the newsprint of the examples, and beside each example, note how successful it was.

Bring the groups together and share the lists.

BRAINSTORM

Divide into small groups again and brainstorm how God might communicate with people in a high tech fashion. What kinds of amazing things would God use?

Write the ideas or draw illustrations about them on the newsprint.

Bring the groups together and share the lists.

REFLECT

Discuss: *What message has God been communicating to humanity, from the beginning until now and into the future. No matter how it's said, what is God saying?*

Make a list of what God has, is, and will continue to say.

RESPOND

Ask youth to contemplate this question: *If God could put a message into your iPod that you would hear over and over, what would you want to hear?*

Optional: invite youth to share their answers but with the option to pass. This will depend on your group and the trust level you have within the group. You may want to set up one-on-one times to meet with your youth and hear their thoughts on this question, because it can give some insights on what is happening inside their lives and hearts.