

**Supplies**

- drinking straws (10-15 per child)
- Glue Dots
- craft sticks (4 per child)
- scissors
- permanent markers

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.

Make a Pan Flute

Give each child four craft sticks, and set out the other supplies. Have kids follow these steps.

- Decorate one side of each craft stick.
- Cover the undecorated sides of two of the craft sticks with Glue Dots.
- Arrange 10 to 15 straws side by side on the Glue Dots on one craft stick. The tops of the straws should line up about an inch above the stick. (It's okay if younger kids don't line up their straws quite right.)
- Place another craft stick, Glue Dots facing down, across the straws, lining up with the first craft stick.



- Cut the bottom of the straws at an angle. (The angle doesn't have to be precise, but the steeper the angle, the more variation in the notes the flutes will play. Help younger kids with this.)



- Use Glue Dots to stick the remaining two craft sticks to the straws as before but in the middle of the flute for reinforcement.



Make Noise

Say: **God wants to get our attention.** Sometimes he gets our attention in big, loud ways, like when he put an angel in the road and made Balaam's donkey talk. Let's see how loud we can make our flutes play!

Have kids practice playing their flutes by blowing across the tops of the straws. The notes will vary depending on the length of the straws.

After kids have had a minute to practice, have a few kids at a time try to make the loudest noise to get everyone's attention. Then have kids do the opposite and play softly.

Talk About It

Ask: • **What helped you make the loudest noise with your flute? the softest?**

• **What would God need to do to be loud enough to get your attention?**

Say: **God wants to get our attention,** but he doesn't always do it in big ways like he did for Balaam. Sometimes God gets our attention in quieter ways, like a whisper in our hearts. That's why it's important to pay attention so we can hear God speaking to us, whether it's loud or quiet.

Have kids take their crafts home and use them to get their families' attention so they can retell today's Bible story.