

# Steps to Make Listening Stones

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This is an adapted version of Rev. Leanne Hadley's "Listening Stones." To learn more about "Listening Stones," visit [www.leanne-hadley.com/holy-listening](http://www.leanne-hadley.com/holy-listening).

## Supplies Needed:

- Stones (you can either use small stones and give each child one each week, or one bigger stone for the entire group to use throughout the series).
  - Jar large enough for placing one stone from each week's lesson. This jar will hold one stone from each week of this series. Keep it in the worship area throughout the series as a reminder to the entire congregation about the lessons discussed each week.
  - Permanent Markers
  - Mod Podge
  - Cloth bag or box
1. Purchase stones (pre-polished from a craft store in the floral department).
  2. Using a permanent marker, draw these symbols on the rocks and let them dry well: Water Droplet, Music Note, Cross, "BE", Light Bulb, "Yes" Check Box, Cloud
  3. Place a small dab of "Mod Podge" on each stone and let it dry. (If you skip this step, the symbols will rub off the rocks. It is very important!)
  4. Place the stones in a large cloth bag after they have dried for several hours. Placing the stones in a cloth bag or nice box makes the stones seem holier than toys or playthings.

Each week during this series, introduce the stone with the week's image. Offer a stone to each child to use as a prayer stone. If you have only one larger stone, have children either touch or reach toward the stone as you close in prayer. Collect one stone each week in the jar or box and keep it visible in the worship area for the duration of the series.

