

# GO AND...

## LISTENING WITH 'THE LORAX'



The Lorax tells the story of a boy that meets the Lorax, a guardian of the trees. The Lorax explains that he speaks for the trees since they can't speak for themselves. The Lorax warns people about the consequences of chopping down trees. However, once a greedy inventor finds out that the trees the Lorax protects can be used for profit, he dismisses the Lorax and cuts down trees at a massive scale! It takes the Lorax and a young boy to work together to replenish the forest and help the communities understand the importance of the trees!

Both the Dr. Seuss book and the animated cartoons of the Lorax share colorful images and the tone Dr. Seuss was so famous for in his children's books. While conservation and the environment being a big theme in this story, we can also have really great conversations about faith and listening. The list below can get you started! What other conversations has the story inspired?

- Did you hear the message the Lorax was trying to share? What was it?
- In the beginning of the story, the Lorax seems grumpy and isn't willing to talk to people. Why do you think this is?
- Why do you think the Once-ler did not want to listen to the Lorax?
- What does the young boy hear from the community? What does he hear from the Lorax? Are there similarities? Differences?
- How do you think the story would have changed if someone listened to the Lorax sooner?
- How can you be a better listener?
- How can we listen to God better?