

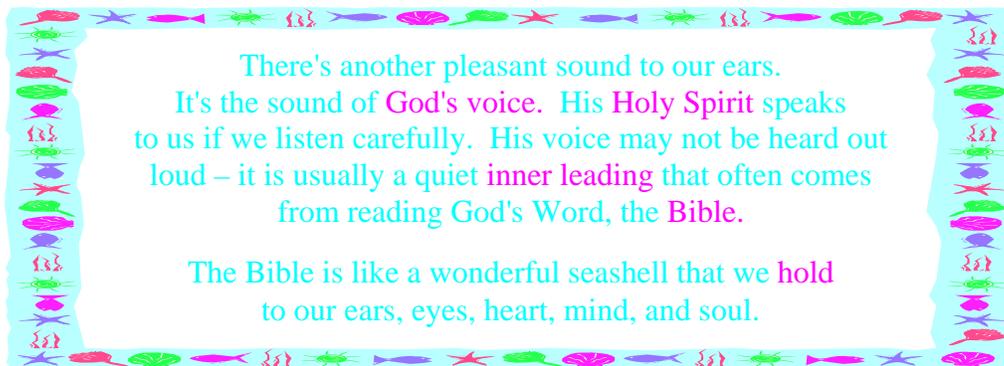
Ever held a horn-shaped **seashell** to your ear and heard the sound of the ocean? The first thing you'll notice when you put the shell to your ear is that it seems very quiet, **then you hear the sound**. Just like **waves** in the distance. A very peaceful sound – almost like **music**.

Where is that sound coming from? **Is it really the ocean waves?** Some people think it's the sound of your own blood swishing around in your head.

That's not what **scientists** say. They tell us that the shape of the seashell is able to act like a **sound tube** that captures sounds and blends them all together to create a "**white**" noise. White noise is pleasant and relaxing. And it just happens to sound like the **waves of the sea**.



When it's noisy all around you, you can actually hear the sound in the shell more clearly than when it's quiet. But you have to put it to your ear. Otherwise, you won't hear it at all.



God's voice is peaceful, like soothing music to our ears. His teaching is pure and clean, like pleasant "white" sound. **God's voice** is perfectly relaxing.



The **little animal** that once lived in the seashell before you found it received **protection** because the shell helped it to hear the sounds of **danger** in the distance, so it could **escape**. Sea creatures must really appreciate their shells!



The shell teaches us to **listen for God's voice**, so that we too may be protected from danger. And so that we can be at peace.

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." – Isaiah 30:21