

## GOD CALLED LITTLE SAMUEL

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## The STORY

Read "Small Boy Leaves Home" and "I'm Listening, Lord" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (pages 127-128).

**Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (Hannah took Samuel to live at the temple and be taught by Eli. While Samuel was still a young boy, God called out to him.)
- Did Samuel know that it was God calling? (At first Samuel thought it was Eli calling him.)
- What did God tell Samuel? (God told him about the wickedness of Eli's sons and that they were not going to be able to be priests for God anymore.)

## CRAFT QUESTIONS

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Samuel lying in bed with his head up to listen. Engage the children by asking:**

- Why is this a good story for children? (This is a good story for children because it teaches us that God wants to use even little children to work out his plan on the earth.)
- What do you think you would have done if you were Samuel? (Accept any answer.)
- Do you think you would have been afraid? (God's might and power are to be feared. God's might and power are to be feared but we should not forget that he is kind and he is working for our good. Remembering that will help us to have fear of disobeying him but not fear of being with him.)
- Why do you think God wanted Samuel to tell Eli about his sins? (God often warns a person when they are being disobedient to give them a chance to change and repent.)

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Does God still speak to men today? (Yes, God does. He most often uses the Bible. The Bible is God's speech written down for us. Sometimes God still speaks to men. Just like Samuel, God still calls men to serve Him in the church. Many pastors can point to a special moment when they felt that God called them to work for Him.)
- What did Eli tell Samuel to say to the Lord? (Eli told Samuel to say, "Speak Lord your servant is listening." These are good words for everyone to remember today.)
- What does the Bible call the messages Samuel was given by the Lord? (The messages are called prophecy. Samuel became a prophet to speak the words of God to men.)

### WHERE IS JESUS?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

In the midst of corruption within Eli's household, God sent a man to prophecy the coming of a faithful priest who would be obedient to the heart and mind of God. The final fulfillment of this promise came in the life of Christ, see John 14:31. Jesus did only what His Father commanded Him to do. Jesus is a faithful high priest forever, see Hebrews 7:21-24. Samuel was also a foreshadowing of Christ. Very similar language is used to describe both Samuel and Jesus, see Luke 2:52 and 1 Samuel 2:26.

Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days.

(Acts 3:24)

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

