

FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

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DIG IN @ HOME

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THE LESSON

Samuel was one of the leaders of the Children of Israel (also known as the Hebrews or Jews). As an adult, Samuel served God as a prophet and judge right before the time of the Kings.

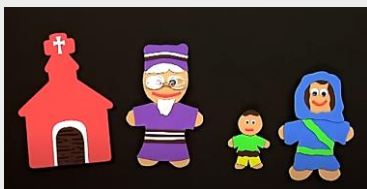
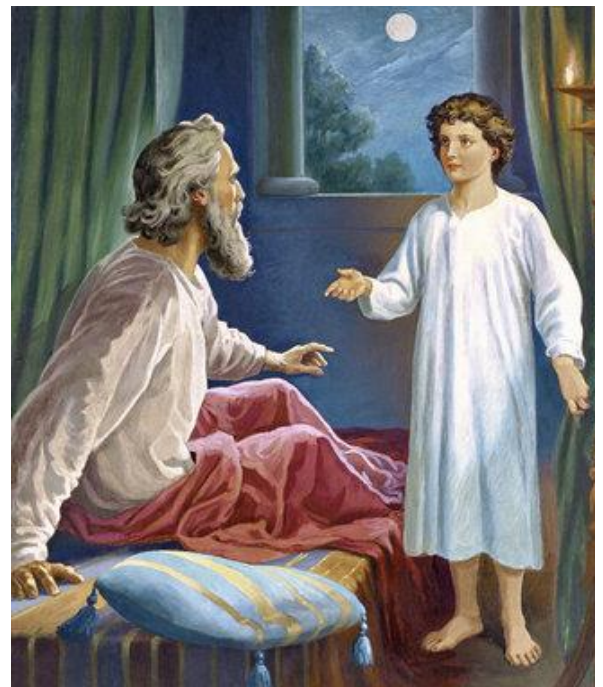
Samuel's early life is an interesting one. His mother, Hannah, could not have children, but she prayed and prayed about it. Hannah even prayed that if God would give her a son, she would give the child back to God and allow it to be brought up in the Jewish Temple. God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her a son, Samuel. Hannah kept her promise and gave Samuel to the Lord. Samuel grew up in the House of the Lord (Temple).

One night, when he was a young boy living in the Temple, Samuel wakes up to someone calling his name. He thinks it's Eli, the priest, and runs to him. But it is not Eli. The voice calls Samuel three times, and each time Samuel runs to Eli to see what he wants. By the third time, Eli realizes it's God calling to Samuel. Eli tells Samuel to listen to God's message and do what God says. Read [1 Samuel 3](#).

THE POINT

God speaks, so we listen for him.

God Speaks to Samuel 1 Samuel 3



[God Calls Samuel](#)



[Samuel and Eli](#)



[The Call of Samuel](#)



[The Story of Samuel](#)

Watch these videos about Samuel, then answer the questions.

1. How was it that Samuel grew up in the Temple?
2. Why didn't Samuel recognize God's voice?
3. How would you have felt had you been Samuel and God called out to you in the night?
4. What directions did Eli give Samuel if God spoke to him again?
5. What message did God give to Samuel?
6. How did God show he was with Samuel as he grew into adulthood?
7. How does God call us and speak to us today?
8. Should we listen to God's call in the Bible? Explain.

Family Together Time

Play this fun game to practice listening with your family!

- Play a game of Hide-and-Seek with a twist.
- When the Seeker calls out "I'm listening!" the Hiders must make noises. They can be whistles, knocking, tongue clicking sounds, kissy noises, and so on.
- The Seeker will listen carefully for sounds until he or she finds everyone.
- Play several rounds so everyone can be the Seeker!
- Talk about what you did to listen carefully in the game.
- Talk about what you can do to listen carefully to God.



Made for This



Living Inside Out



You, You, You



He's Got the Whole World



Watch and Discuss: Are You Listening?

1. Which of the ways God speaks to us—according to this video—was your favorite (sunset, heart, whisper, storm, music, people, living, cultures, creation, creatures, rush, prayer)? Explain why.
2. How do these different things (see list above) help us to learn about God?
3. God spoke to Samuel out loud. God speaks to us through his Word, the Bible. How can we "hear" God through the Bible?
4. With what words was Samuel supposed to answer when God called his name?
5. How can we show we are listening to God's speaking/voice in our lives?
6. With what question did this video end?
7. Why is that a very good question to ask?
8. How would you answer the question?
9. With whom could you share some of the wonderful things God has "spoken" to you?

Let's Pray!

Dear Father in Heaven: Just like you did with young Samuel, you have called us to be your own. Through baptism we have become your children. Through your holy Word you speak to us. You reveal your will to us. You remind us of your many promises. You let us know that in Jesus our sins are forgiven, we have been given heaven, and until we get there, we are to love and serve you. Help us to be good listeners. When you speak, help us to hear and obey. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.