



God Speaks (Part 1) **Samuel (Part 1)**

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Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 3

The Big God Story

God Speaks: Samuel

Many years ago there lived a boy named Samuel. Samuel lived somewhere very special. Samuel lived in the temple of the Lord. It was like a church. Samuel lived there with Eli, who was one of the leaders. Eli taught Samuel all about God. Eli taught Samuel how to serve God and how to serve God's people. When Samuel was sleeping, he heard someone call him: "Samuel". Who do you think was calling Samuel? Samuel got up and ran to Eli.

"Here I am; you called me," Samuel said. But Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed and lay down.

Again, Samuel heard someone call him: "Samuel!" Samuel got up and ran to Eli.

"Here I am; you called me," Samuel said. But Eli didn't call him this time either!

"Go back to bed," said Eli. And Samuel did. Let's all go back to sleep. What do you think happened? Yes. Samuel heard someone call to him again! But it wasn't Eli's voice. Can you guess who was calling to Samuel? Yes, it was God. Eli told Samuel, "Go back to bed. If God calls you again, say to Him: 'Speak, Lord, I am listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed.

This time, Samuel lay very still. He listened very, very hard. Once again God called to Samuel: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Guess what Samuel said? He said, "Speak, Lord, I am listening." So God spoke His words to Samuel. God gave him a message for Eli and his family. In the morning, Samuel gave Eli the message from God. God had a special job for Samuel. People knew that God spoke to Samuel. He was God's prophet. Samuel knew God and listened to Him all of the days of his life.

God speaks and He spoke to Samuel. We can hear God's voice, too. God can talk to us when we're praying, singing, or reading The Big God Story from the Bible. When we hear His voice, we can say, "Speak to me, Lord, I am listening."

Blessing

Have children assume a receiving posture; holding their hands out, palms up to receive their blessing. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

May you hear God's voice and listen to Him every day.

Activities

Yes, Lord

Samuel kept getting out of bed to see what Eli wanted, but it wasn't Eli at all. This game requires the children to listen carefully. They will lay down (blanket and pillow are optional) and pretend to sleep. Then you will whisper their name and they will jump up and run to you!

You are going to lay down and pretend to sleep like Samuel. When you hear me say your name, jump up as quickly as possible and run to me.

Bible Verse Bookmarker

Print and cut out the bookmarker template on the next page. Have your child color it with crayons, pencils, or markers. Cut it out and punch a hole through the small circle at the top. Thread with yarn, string or ribbon.

We're going to make a bookmarker with part of the Bible verse on it. Let's decorate it and use our bookmarker in our Bible or storybook.

Serving Hands

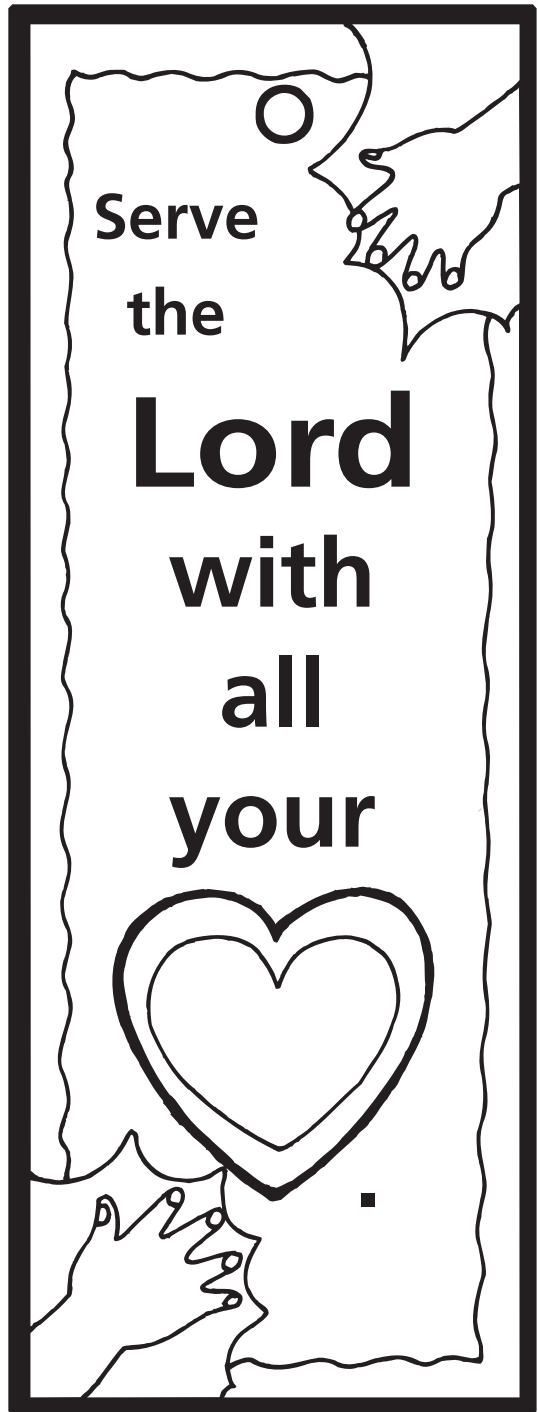
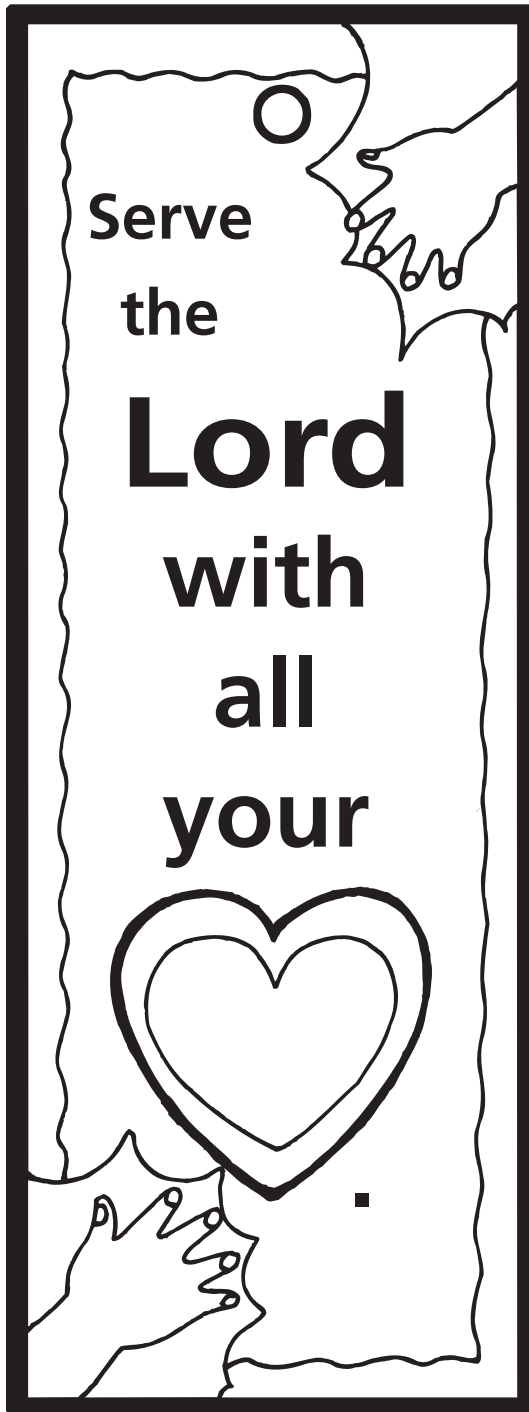
One of Samuel's jobs at the tabernacle was to help clean up and polish things. Make a short list of some things that you need help with in your house. Then engage your children and encourage them to be a servant like Samuel.

Samuel was a servant at the tabernacle, which is a church. He helped with daily chores. Let's work together on some chores. We don't have to be perfect, we just have to be helpers.

Sounds at Home

Samuel heard God's voice in his home, the Tabernacle. Use the pictures on the last page to talk about each of the sounds that you and your child might hear at home.

Point to one of the pictures and talk about the sound that picture can make. Who are the people who care for me that use the objects we see?



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