



## **God Speaks (Part 2)** **Samuel (Part 2)**

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**Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 3**

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# **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

### Mixed up Ephod

*An ephod (eee-fawd) is a special garment that the priests wore in the tabernacle that covers the chest and back. Print out ephod pictures on the next page (printing on card stock is preferable) and cut out as cards. Mix up the cards and place them face down on the table or floor. Take turns flipping over each one until one of you get a match. Put the match in front of you and continue flipping the cards.*

**These are all pictures of an ephod. That's a special garment worn by priests. Let's play a game where we take turns trying to match the colors on the ephod. You go first.**

### Are Those Your Ears?

*Samuel used his ears to listen for God's voice. Print the ears on the last few pages. Lay them on the table or floor. Ask questions about each of the ears.*

**(Point to a set of ears.) What animal do those belong to? What sound does this animal make? Where does it live and what sounds do you think it hears there? Does this animal have good hearing or not so good? Why?**

### Listening

*We have to train our ears and hearts to hear God's voice. Using various household items, make a funny band. (Example: zippers, click pens, Velcro, snaps, bubble wrap, empty water bottle, etc.)*

**Samuel heard God call him 3 times. The last time, he was listening carefully to hear God say his name again. Let's create a band to train our ears. Here are things that we can use.**

### A Good Helper

*Samuel was a very good helper to Eli. Show your kids some little things they can do with you to be a helper. (Example: taking in the trash cans, bringing the neighbor's newspaper closer to their house, sweeping the sidewalk in front of your house, watering flowers, brushing your pet, etc.)*

**Let's make a list of some ways that you and I can be helpers.**



























