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SAMUEL WAS BORN AND CALLED

1 SAMUEL 1-3

CHRIST CONNECTION

God called to Samuel, and Samuel responded. God calls people to turn from sin and follow Jesus. Everyone who responds by trusting in Jesus is saved from sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made.

MEMORY VERSES

2 Chronicles 7:14 | Philippians 4:19

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

1 Samuel 1–3 reveals God's call of salvation and the response of faith that follows for all who belong to Him. In the dark of night, God called to Samuel and invited him to become His prophet who would shed the light of His words to His people. God's call upon Samuel's life is one that followers of Christ still respond to today: to trust in Him as the hope of salvation and to lead others to do the same.

How do we see God at work in Samuel's life? How does trust in the Lord play a recurring role in this story?

Samuel was an answered prayer in his mother's life. She spent years praying to God for a son whose life she promised to dedicate back to the Lord's service. She allowed her precious son to grow up in the Lord's house under the care and supervision of Eli the priest. It was Eli's instructions to Samuel that prepared the young boy to receive the Word of the Lord and to share it as instructed. Though the call to repentance was not an easy message to share, Samuel did so and grew up to become a prophet. All of Israel knew he walked with the Lord.

From an early age, Samuel was brought up to recognize the Lord and His provision. From the prayers of Hannah to the instructions of Eli, Samuel was led in the ways of the Lord and responded to God's call with open-handed faith. Samuel's obedience flowed from his trust in the God of his salvation. He listened to God and dedicated his life to God's service. Like Samuel, we can respond to God's call by placing faith in Jesus, turning from sin, and proclaiming His truth to the world.

Consider the relationship between trust and obedience. Does your life reflect the truth that God's ways are good and worthy of your trust? Lead boys and girls to see the fruit of a faith-filled life in service to God. Show them that, like Samuel, they can begin leading others to follow the Lord in faith.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the Memory Verse Activity below as a group!

MEMORY VERSES

...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

It's Bible Bucks Day! 🎉

After Large Group, our Bible Bucks Leaders will pull kids from the activity to give them the opportunity to recite any memorized Bible verse to earn Bible Bucks.

Remind kids that we memorize God's Word so that we can have His words with us at all times. The more we read God's Word and spend time with Him, the more we learn about Him!

LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

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During the time of the judges, there was a woman named Hannah who desperately wanted a son. Every year, she would go with her husband to worship and sacrifice to the Lord at a place called Shiloh. Priests named Hophni and Phineas, and their father Eli, would lead the people in worship at Shiloh.

During one of her visits, Hannah went into the Lord's house, crying and praying to God: "Lord, please give me a son, and I will give him back to you."

Eli was also in the Lord's house at the same time. When he heard what she was asking the Lord for, he said, "Go in peace, and may God grant your request and give you a son."

God answered Hannah's prayer, and she gave birth to a boy, and she named him Samuel. When the boy was a few years old, Hannah returned to Shiloh and gave Samuel to Eli to worship and serve the Lord there.

Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart rejoices in the Lord. There is no one holy like our God!"

Now, Eli's sons were wicked leaders of the people. They did evil by using their power as priests to take what they wanted from the people. They did not obey God's laws for making sacrifices. God sent a man to Eli to give him a message from the Lord. He said, "I am going to cut off your family from leading my people, and I will raise up a faithful priest for myself."

Sometime later, Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord by the ark of God. The Lord called Samuel, and Samuel answered, "Here I am."

Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"I didn't call," Eli replied. "Go back and lie down."

A second time, the Lord called, "Samuel!"

Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me." Eli sent Samuel back to bed.

A third time, the Lord called Samuel. This time, when Samuel went to Eli, Eli understood that the Lord was calling Samuel. He said to Samuel, "If he calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

When the Lord called Samuel a fourth time, Samuel replied, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

From that day on, God spoke to Samuel, and all Israel knew Samuel was a prophet of the Lord.

CHRIST CONNECTION

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ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

JEOPARDY REVIEW GAME!

Today, we're playing a review game! After Large Group, give kids a bathroom/water break. Then, K12 will return to the downstairs Large Group room, while 345 will return to the upstairs Large Group room.

Each grade is a team. Explain to kids that each category of the game has questions, and each question is worth a certain number of points, which they can see on its box.

Before playing, choose one kid from each team to be their group's "spokesperson". Encourage kids to work together to answer the questions.

CONNECT THE DOTS



We've learned a lot this month about the judges, and worked hard on our Bible skills. Let's have some fun reviewing what we've learned!

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

Go to the Leader Folder on one of the TVs in your room. (*Hit the back button until you see it.*) There, you'll find games and activities to do with your group!



BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!