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SAMUEL WAS BORN AND CALLED

1 SAMUEL 1-3

CHRIST CONNECTION

Like Samuel listened to God, we can listen to Jesus, who shows us the right way to go.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

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

MEMORY VERSE

My God will supply all your needs in Christ Jesus. **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.

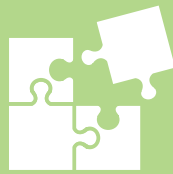
How do we see God at work in Samuel's life? How does trust in the Lord play a recurring role in this story?

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.

OPENING & ACTIVITIES



Connect with children through games and activities.

WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

ACTIVITY: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “This is the Way”:

My God, my God will supply all your needs,
supply all your needs, supply all your needs.
My God, my God will supply all your needs,
all your needs in Christ Jesus.

(Repeat)

CONNECT THE DOTS



Our memory verse phrase says, “My God will supply all your needs in Christ Jesus.” In our story today, a woman named Hannah prayed to God for a baby boy. God heard Hannah’s prayers, and He hears our prayers too! When we pray, we can ask God for things we need. God took care of our greatest need by sending His Son, Jesus, to help us and save us forever.

CONNECT THE DOTS



Hannah prayed to God for a baby, and God answered her prayer. He gave her a baby boy. As she promised, she took her baby boy, Samuel, to the tabernacle to serve God.

CRAFT: PRAYING HANDS & BABY FEET

Pass out the provided praying hand cutouts and blue baby feet stickers.

Let children decorate their praying hands with markers/crayons and the stickers. Talk about the Bible story as they work.

Be sure to write each child’s name somewhere on their craft so you know which one to send home with them!

BIBLE TIME



Review the Bible story with your class.

SAMUEL WAS BORN AND CALLED

Hannah wanted a baby very much. She prayed to God and promised that if she had a baby, she would let him serve God forever. God heard Hannah's prayers and gave her a baby boy named Samuel.

When Samuel was big enough, Hannah took him to the tabernacle to serve God. Hannah visited Samuel every year and brought him new clothes.

Some time later, while Samuel was sleeping at night, God said Samuel's name: "Samuel!"

Samuel thought Eli the priest was calling for him, but it was really God! God spoke again, "Samuel!"

Eli realized God was speaking to Samuel, so he told Samuel to listen.

Samuel said, "Speak, God. I'm listening."

Samuel grew up, and God was with him. Samuel became a special messenger for God in Israel.

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SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the story as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
3. What did Samuel say when God called him?
4. How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

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

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return storage cubes to Rm 108.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!