

Lesson #97: God Speaks to Samuel

[1 Samuel 3:1-21](#)

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/_42AHw6vJI

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/6AHkGo-dgNg>

Worship Theme: God directs us.

Memory Verse: Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1Sam 3:10b)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. I Will Follow Jesus <https://youtu.be/aasilZXGorc>
2. I Have Decided <https://youtu.be/MR1Yv--Q4oo>
3. The Word of God Is the Lamp <https://youtu.be/fOSOZBVSb0Y>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Are You Blind?"



1. Have each child find a partner.
2. Separate the partners and have one group stand at the end of the classroom.
3. The person at the start of the room must find their partner, but they must do this with their eyes closed.
4. The partner can call out the name of their blind partner to help find them. (Teacher may move the children around to confuse the blind partner.)
5. The first team to find their partner wins the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children how important it was to listen to direction to find their partner. Just the same, God is always giving us directions to make good choices in life.

Introduction:

When your parents or teachers call your name, it's often to get your attention so that you can receive important information or directions. That's true of God, too. God calls us and talks to us to direct us. But are we listening to God? Let's look at a Bible story to see how one boy realized God was talking to him.

Bible Story:

Samuel was dedicated to serve God when he was born. He served with Priest Eli at the house of God. One late night, when every went to bed to sleep, God got Samuel's attention by calling his name. Samuel was a young child just like you! So he thought it was Priest Eli who was calling him. The first three times, Samuel ran to Eli and asked why he called him. Eli was confused because he didn't call Samuel. But the third time, Eli explained that God must be the one who wanted to talk to Samuel.

When Samuel recognized that it was God speaking to him, Samuel invited God to speak to him and listened very closely. God told Samuel about his plans for Eli.

From that night on, God spoke to Samuel about his plans. The more Samuel listened to God's directions, the more easily he recognized God's voice. And other people in Israel heard God's directions through Samuel—which was God's plan for the rest of Samuel's life.

We need to always be ready to listen to God and follow his direction because God speaks to everyone, even a young child like Samuel. When we can listen to God, we can even understand God's direction when bad things happen in our lives.

We know that Jesus is kind and loving and good. God directs us to be like Jesus and to do what's right. If someone tell you to do a wrong thing, we shouldn't follow that

direction, no matter what. Let us always follow God's direction because God always has good plans for us!

Questions to discuss:

1. When did God speak to Samuel? (Late at night)
2. What good thing happened the more Samuel listened to God? (it became easier to recognize God's voice)
3. Who does God speak to? (Everyone)
4. How do you know if it is God directing you? (God's direction will always be to be like Jesus and do what is right)

Game: "God Knows Your Name"

The material needed: one ball



1. Ask the children to sit or stand in a circle.
2. First, as each child throw the ball to others, they need to say their own name and then throw the ball. Continue to do this until everyone remembers the names of other children.
3. Second, as children throw the ball, they will say their own name and the name of the person they're throwing to.
4. After the game, explain to the children that God knows the names of all of us. When God calls us, we need to listen carefully like Samuel.

Memory Verse:

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1Sam 3:10b)

Craft: "I Listen to God"

Materials: Print "ears" for each child (see below), paper, crayons, glue, scissors



1. Color the ears and cut it out.
2. Make a round headband and write, "I Listen to God."
3. Glue the big ears to the side.
4. Have the children put it on their head and say, "I listen to God!"

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

In our relationship with Jesus, God sometimes speaks to us through the Bible or God's people. When he does, he wants us to listen and obey. Go back and read 1 Samuel 3:10, 19-20 again. What does it mean to really listen to God? How does your listening to God compare to Samuel's? What might God be guiding you to do? Faithfully following God's direction in our lives will lead us to God's best for us. Listen for God's voice today.

I Listen to God!

