

# GOD SPEAKS TO SAMUEL

## *1 Samuel 3:1-21*

### **1 Samuel 3**

<sup>1</sup>The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup>One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

<sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, ‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.’”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, <sup>16</sup>but Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son.”

Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

<sup>17</sup>“What was it he said to you?” Eli asked. “Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, “He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes.”

<sup>19</sup>The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Samuel hear during the night?
5		2.) Who did Samuel think was speaking to him?
5		3.) What did the Lord say to Samuel?
5		4.) Why do you think Samuel was afraid to tell Eli what the Lord had said?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"...Speak, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*Samuel thinks Eli is calling him at night*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CUP PHONES

Students will make “cup phones” to remind them that the Lord called to Samuel at night and Samuel listened.

### MATERIALS

1. Disposable Plastic Cups
2. String (not yarn)
3. Small Paper Clips
4. Ball Point Pens



### DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out two disposable plastic party cups to each student.
2. Poke a hole in the bottom of each cup with a ball point pen.
3. Cut a 10 foot piece of string for each student.
4. Slip the piece of string through the bottom of each cup.
5. Tie a paper clip to each end of the string.
6. Pull cups away from one another slowly until there is a bit of tension on the string.
7. Allow students to take turns talking into their “cup phones”.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are assembling their “cup phones”, remind them that we should listen to the Lord too. Though the Lord may never choose to speak audibly to us, he does speak to us through his word. Encourage students to “listen” to the Lord by reading the Bible.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

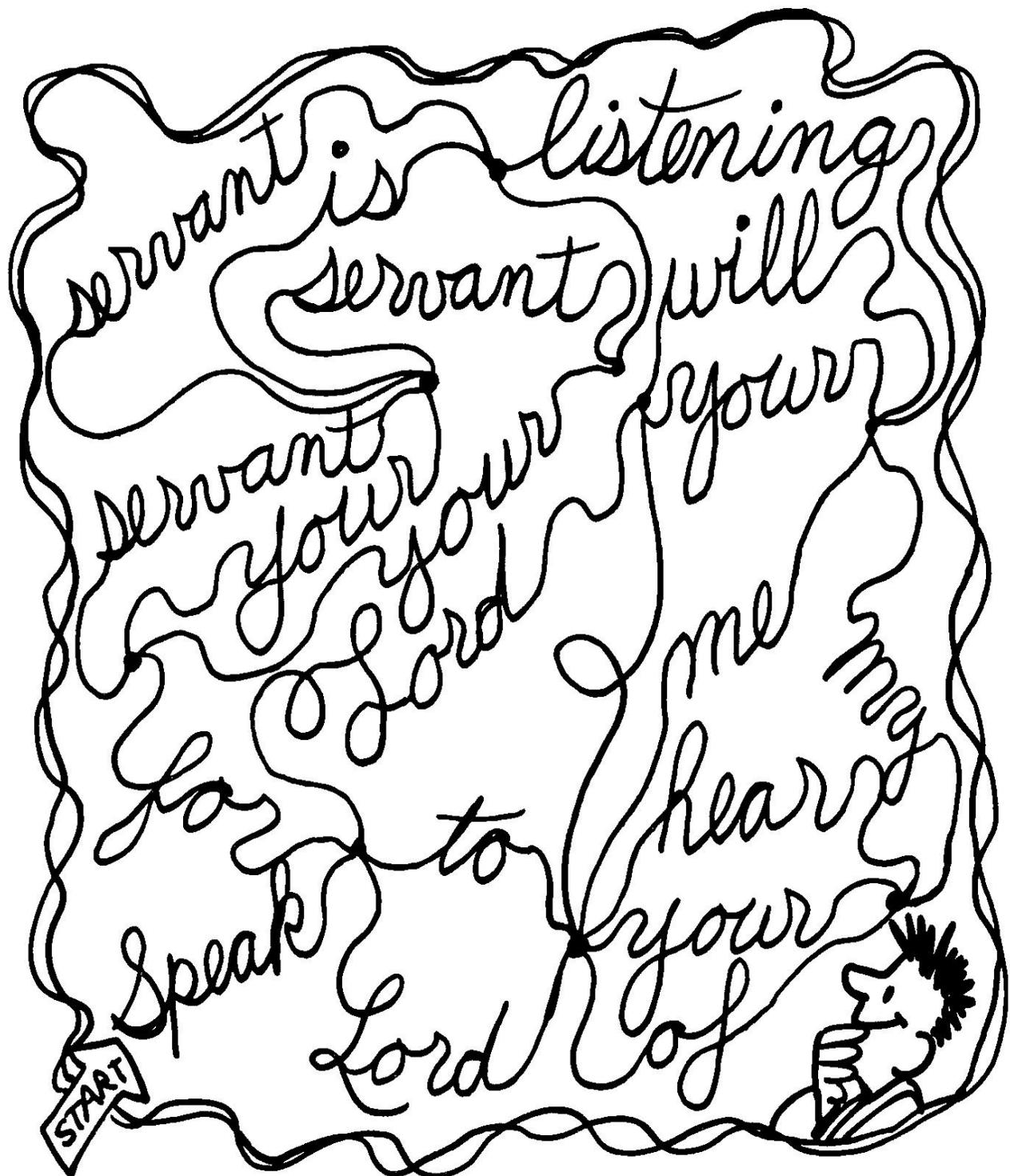
*“...Speak, for your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10*



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## *1 Samuel 3:1-21*

In 1 Samuel 3:1-20, the Lord called to Samuel. Read these verses to find out how Samuel answered the Lord. Then begin with the word "Speak" in the puzzle and find the path that matches Samuel's answer. Do not trace any line in the puzzle more than once, and change directions only at intersections marked by dots.





## Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how God spoke to Samuel while he was sleeping. Samuel listened and obeyed.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Hide from your child. Have him/her listen as you whisper, "Come find me." Let your child try to find you.

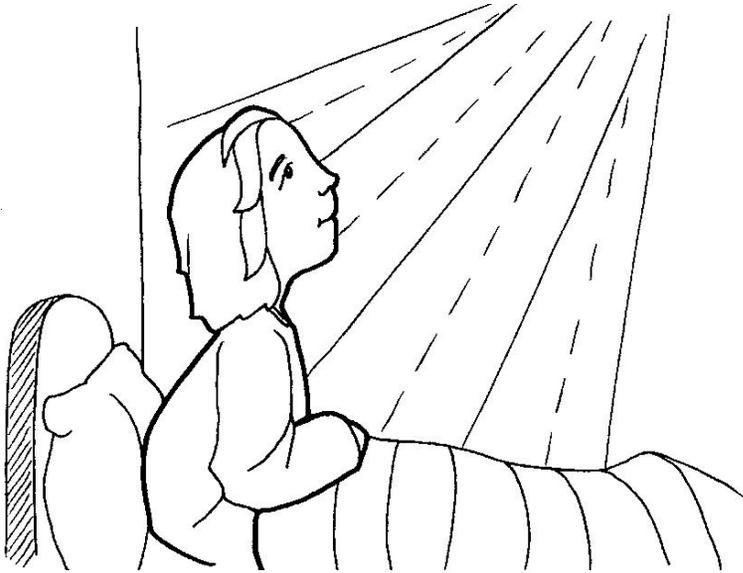
Bible Story Mini Book

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It was God calling Samuel. Samuel listened to God and obeyed him.



Samuel was sleeping one night in the temple. He heard a voice calling to him.

## Memory Verse

“...speak, for your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10

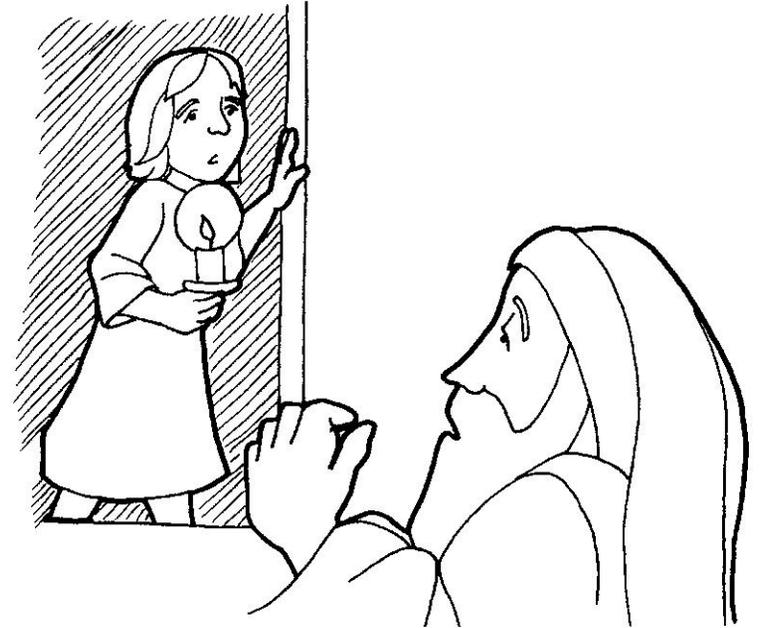
## Bible Story Rhyme

**Samuel, Samuel slept one night,**  
*(Lay titled head on hands as if sleeping)*

**In the temple; that’s alright.**  
*(Make the “O.K.” sign)*

**Awakened by the Lord’s own voice,**  
*(Place fists next to eyes and open fingers)*

**Helping God was Samuel’s choice.**  
*(Point to heaven)*



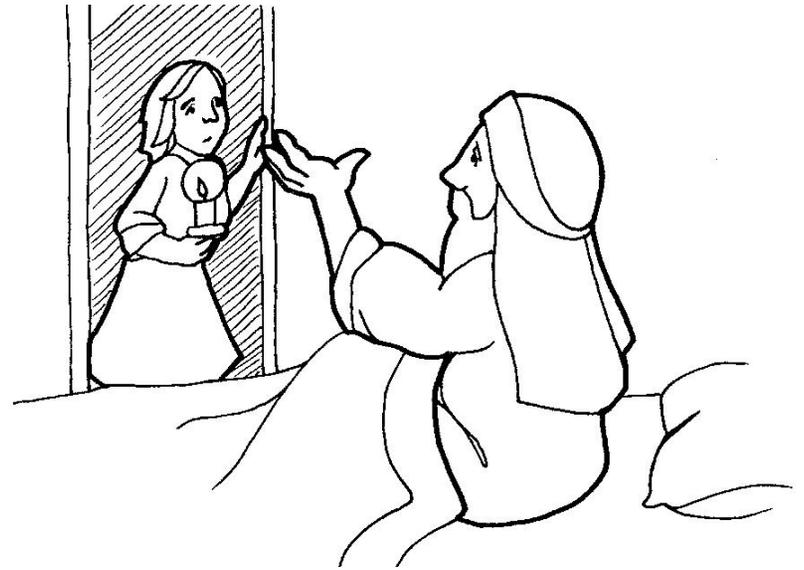
Samuel asked Eli if it was him who was speaking. Eli said, “No.”

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

*“Dear Jesus,*

*Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”*



Samuel heard a voice calling to him again. He ran back to Eli. It was not Eli calling to him.

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## PRESCHOOL GAME

**Supplies:** A pillow

**Illustrate the story of God talking to Samuel as he slept in the temple.**

**M**ake a circle. Pick one child to be Samuel. Say: **As Samuel was sleeping, he heard a voice calling his name. Our Samuel will lay down and pretend to go to sleep. Then I will point to one of you, and the person I point to will softly call, "Come here, Samuel."** Have the child playing Samuel lay down in the middle of the circle and pretend to go to sleep with his or her head on the pillow and his or her eyes closed. When the child closes his or her eyes, pick one child in the circle to say, "Come here, Samuel." Samuel will then "wake up," walk over to whoever he or she thinks was talking, and say, "I am here." If Samuel guesses correctly, the two children trade places. If the guess was incorrect, the person who called says, "Go back to bed." Then Samuel can try again. Play until everyone has had a chance to be Samuel.

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