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**God Calling**

**CHILDREN'S  
ACTIVITIES**

We now have a kids' video! We'd encourage you to watch that first. Below you will find the bible verse where this story originated, and questions to help your kids grow in their faith. Don't forget to check out the memory verse from 1 Samuel 3!

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# Children's Bible Passage

## 1 Samuel 3:1-10

<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 house 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> A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" 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."

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## Questions and Answers

**1. What was the name of the boy in today's story?**

**Where did he live?**

Samuel. He lived in the temple (or the church)!

**2. What was the first thing Jesus did with the man? Why did He do this?**

Samuel heard a voice. It was calling his name "Samuel, Samuel!"

**3. When Samuel heard the voice, he went to Eli — He thought Eli was calling him. What did Eli say at first?**

Eli told Samuel that he hadn't called him. He said "I did not call; go back and lie down."

**4. But Samuel kept hearing the voice. How many times did he run to Eli? What did Eli realise at last?**

Samuel heard the voice three times. Each time he ran to Eli. Finally, Eli realized that it was God calling Samuel. He told Samuel to go back to bed and listen to God.

**5. How can you listen to God? How can you choose to be like Samuel?**

Encourage your kids to learn more about what God says, by reading the bible and praying to Him!

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## Memory Verse

**1 Samuel 3:10 (NIV)**

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## Prayer

Dear God. Thank you for speaking to Samuel when he was a young boy. I pray that you will help me listen to you, read your bible and talk to you every day. Let me be like Samuel, listening to your voice. Amen.