



## BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 23

### SAMUEL'S CALL (1 SAMUEL 3)

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3

**Open:** Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

**Supplies:** Samuel and bed print, coloring and cutting supplies, glue, construction paper.

#### Ask:

- Who remembers what we learned last week? (Ruth, review game)
- What does it mean to glean? (Pick up fallen grains behind the workers)
- Who eventually came from the line of Ruth and Boaz? (David, Jesus)
- Today, we're going to continue on our journey through the Bible and talk about the last Judge.
- Who were some other judges we learned about? (Deborah, Gideon, Samson)

#### Explain:

Samuel was born to a woman who prayed earnestly for him. Before, she had been without children, and she longed for a child. The Lord heard and granted her request, and she offered her son, Samuel, to him. Once Samuel was weaned, she brought him to live with the Priest named Eli. This is where our story picks up.

**Read:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10

#### Ask:

- How would you feel as Samuel?
- A lot of times, people will say they hear the voice of God. This isn't always (or even often) an audible voice, but in this story, we know it is!
- Let's act out our story so far.

#### Act it Out:

Turn the lights off and have all the kids lie down. Call to them, have them get up and run to the other side of the room. Do this three times. On the third, have them respond as Eli commanded.

**Read:** 1 Samuel 3:11-21

**Apply:**

God calls people of all ages, even kids. You aren't too young to be used by God! So ask for God to speak to you. Maybe it will be audible. Or maybe a Bible verse will come to your mind. Maybe you'll just know with assurance that you're supposed to do something. Now, when God calls us, it won't always be easy, but it will be according to his word. So test your thoughts. Make sure they line up with the Bible. Then obey! Obey like Samuel did and see what God can do through you!

**Do a Craft:**

Make a pop-up card to remember the story of Samuel. Color the pieces and cut them out. Glue the bed and pillow to the card. Next, cut out a strip of construction paper and fold it back and forth like an accordion. Attach this to the pillow and the back of Samuel's head. Tape or glue down Samuel's feet. Open the card and watch him pop up.

**Comic Book Bibles:**

Have the kids draw the story of Samuel's call. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

**Memorize:** 1 Samuel 3:19

**Close in Prayer**



