

Large Group

Samuel Was Born and Called

Bible Passage | 1 Samuel 1-3

Memory Verse | Philippians 4:19

Story Point | Samuel Responded to God's Call



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Last week, we learned how God provided a family redeemer for Ruth. We saw how God provided Boaz to help Ruth in her time of need. And we learned how God had a plan for Ruth's family to one day bring the Savior—Jesus—into the world. Today, we will see how God heard Hannah and how He responded to her prayers by giving her a son named Samuel.

Today's Lesson

Hannah prayed to God, asking Him to provide her with a son. Did God answer Hannah's prayer? What was her son's name? [Allow responses.] God gave Hannah a son named Samuel. God hears and responds to our prayers too. We can trust that God will answer our prayer in His timing and in ways that are best for us. Sometimes, God may not answer our prayers right away or give us the answer we want. However, God can always be trusted.

When Samuel was old enough, Hannah kept her promise to God and dedicated Samuel's life to serving and worshiping God in the temple. Eli's sons served in the temple, but they did not honor God by leading His people well. Why did Samuel approach Eli in the night? [Allow responses.] While Samuel was sleeping, God called out to him, but Samuel did not know God was the One who called his name. Who did Samuel think was calling for him? [Allow responses.] Samuel thought Eli called to him. Eventually, Eli told Samuel that God was calling to him. Eli instructed Samuel on how to answer the call of God. Then **Samuel responded to God's call** by saying, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' Unlike Eli's sons, Samuel would honor God.

God called to Samuel, and Samuel responded in obedient faith. God raised up Samuel to be a prophet for the people of Israel. This means God would speak to Samuel, and Samuel would tell people what God said. Today, God calls people to turn from sin and follow Jesus. Everyone who responds by trusting in Jesus is saved the punishment sin deserves. Like Samuel, we have the opportunity to respond to God's call to trust in Jesus for salvation and forgiveness of sin.

Gospel Discussion | The Bible tells us that we have all sinned and need forgiveness. God made the way for us to be saved by placing our trust in Jesus. God calls people to respond to His call through faith in His Son, Jesus. Do you have any questions about what it means to trust in Jesus?

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

1 Samuel 1:9-17, 20, 24-28; 2:1, 12, 30-35; 3:1-10, 19-21

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.