



Four[Five- September 27

Bible Story: The Lord Calls Out to Samuel • 1 Samuel 3

Bottom Line: I can ask God to speak to me.

Conversation Starter: What are you going to ask God to speak to you about?

Monthly Memory Verse: *"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me."* • John 10:27 NIV

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive
- Have a couple students be door greeters, a couple more help with communion in the big church and a few more to volunteer to stay and help with the littles once we finish in the elementary room.

I took out the activity time before the lesson, but it is available if you see fit.

Instead, spend this time playing games with the students or talking to them about how their week went.

This is the get to know your students time.

9:05/10:50 Leave for the Elementary Room

9:45/11:30 Leave for the Merge room

Communion

What You Do:

First - have one of the students pass out communion once everyone is seated.

Discuss communions and the importance of taking it and have one of the students pray.

Act it Out

What You Need:

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ "Samuel Story Script" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Small megaphone

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Samuel Story Script" on cardstock, one per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Say "You are going to help act out today's Bible Story. I am going to read the Bible Story out loud. When I get to a specific action word and say that word through the megaphone (*show megaphone*), you will act out the word I say. Let's practice before we get started with the Bible Story:
 - Read the following sentence to the kids, saying the word in bold through the megaphone: "*The basketball player **shot the ball** at the buzzer for the win!*"
- Say "Now that you have an idea of what to do, help me by acting out the Bible Story. Remember, your cue to act out an action is when I say a word through the megaphone.
- Use "Samuel Story Script" Activity Page to read the Bible Story aloud.

What You Say:

"That is some good acting there! Even though this was fun and playful, the events in this story really happened. One detail that is truly amazing is found in 1 Samuel 3:10. (*Have a kid read out this verse.*) This passage says that the LORD came and stood

there and then called out to Samuel. Samuel was not even aware that the LORD was there. It's amazing that the very presence of the LORD can be with us even when we are not aware.

"When Samuel replied, 'Speak, I'm listening, God spoke aloud to Samuel with a message about Eli and his sons. While God does speak out loud sometimes, as He did to Samuel, He speaks most of the time to your heart through thoughts and images. It's like an inside, quiet voice. It takes paying attention and sometimes practice to recognize God's voice. Reading Scripture can also help us recognize God's voice.

"Remember this week, that ***[Bottom Line]*** I can ask God to speak to me. He wants to speak to you and give you what you need to follow Him for all of your life."

Please take time to Pray!

Ask:

- ***[Conversation Starter]*** What are you going to ask God to speak to you about?
- What do you think Samuel was feeling and thinking....
 - a) when God was speaking to him?
 - b) when he finally figured out it was God?
 - c) when God gave him the message about Eli and his sons?
 - d) What would you be thinking and feeling?
- What might make it difficult to hear God when He is speaking?
- What can you do to be ready for God to speak?