

God Calls Samuel Skit

(Based on 1 Samuel 3:1–18)

Roles: Eli and Samuel

Props: towels or blankets, pillows, chairs

Costumes: robes or pajamas

Scene: Eli and Samuel are lying on the floor with a towel or blanket and pillow. Place some chairs between them as a wall between their rooms.

You will narrate the script below while an assistant directs the volunteers to say their lines and act out their roles.

Samuel served the Lord by helping Eli, the priest, who couldn't see very well. One night, Eli went to his room to sleep while Samuel lay down in the tabernacle.

Suddenly, during the night, the Lord called, "Samuel!"

Samuel sat up and said, "Here I am!" *Have Samuel sit up and repeat line.*

Then Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." *Have Samuel run to Eli and repeat line.*

Eli woke up and said, "I did not call; go back to bed." *Have Eli repeat and Samuel run back to bed.*

And the Lord called again, "Samuel!"

And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." *Have Samuel run to Eli and repeat line.*

Eli said, "I did not call you. Go back to bed." *Have Eli repeat and Samuel run back to bed.*

Now Samuel didn't know the Lord yet, so he didn't know it was God calling his name. And the Lord called Samuel a third time, "Samuel!"

And Samuel got up again and went to Eli saying, "Here I am. You called me." *Have Samuel run to Eli and repeat line.*

Eli finally figured out that it was the Lord calling Samuel. *Have Eli smack his palm against his forehead.*

Eli said, "Go, lie down. If he calls you again, you should say, 'Speak, Lord, for your

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servant hears.” *Have Eli point for Samuel to return to bed.*

So Samuel went and lay down in his bed. *Have Samuel return to his bed.*

And the Lord came and stood there, calling again, “Samuel! Samuel!”

And Samuel said, “Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.” *Have Samuel repeat line while lying in bed with eyes closed (as in a dream).*

Then the Lord said, “I am going to punish Israel for their sin and Eli’s family because Eli knew his sons were doing evil things, and he did not stop them.”

After the Lord finished speaking, Samuel lay in his bed until morning. He was afraid to tell Eli what God had said. *Have Samuel get up.*

But Eli called him, “Samuel, come here!” *Have Eli get up and repeat line.*

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” *Have Samuel look afraid when Eli calls him, but he goes to him.*

Eli asked him, “What did the Lord tell you? Do not hide it from me.” *Have Eli look sternly at Samuel.*

Samuel told Eli everything the Lord had said. *Have Samuel whisper in Eli’s ear.*

Eli said, “It is the Lord. He will do what is right.”