

Hear the Message

Materials

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Instructions

Direct students to stand or sit in a circle. Explain that they will each be hearing a whispered message from the student beside them, which they will then pass on by whispering what they heard to the next student. The last student to hear the message will share it aloud to see if it stayed the same or changed from the original message given by the teacher.

Choose one or more of the messages below, or come up with your own message based on the lesson, and whisper it to one of the students to pass on to the student on his right. Students may not ask for the message to be repeated; they should pass it on as best as they can. Continue passing the message to the right until everyone has heard it. Play as time allows or until all messages are used.

Messages:

- *Samuel served the Lord in the tabernacle at Shiloh.*
- *Eli did not restrain his evil sons, Hophni and Phinehas.*
- *God called Samuel when he was sleeping in the tabernacle.*
- *God's prophecy of judgment came to pass on Israel and the house of Eli.*
- *The Israelites tried to use the ark of the covenant for good luck in a battle.*
- *Samuel became a prophet, priest, and judge.*

Suggested Discussion

Sometimes it was hard to hear the message because it was whispered. But when God spoke to Samuel, he made his message clear: he was going to judge Israel and the house of Eli for their sin. This was a hard message for Samuel to share, but he did.

We can share the message of the gospel with our friends and family. Some people may not like to hear about God's judgment for their sin, but they must understand the sin problem before they can appreciate God's love and mercy in sending Jesus to take the punishment for sin.