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# God Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 2:23-26, 4:3-4, 4:10-11

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use the words from the word bank to complete the statements about Samuel.

- Samuel was the last judge of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- His mother was \_\_\_\_\_.
- He lived with \_\_\_\_\_  , the priest.
- His job? To help Eli lead Israel in pure \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- He received his first \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord while he was sleeping.
- His first message had to do with the \_\_\_\_\_  of Israel and Eli's household.
- Samuel was \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver the message.
- But he was \_\_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord and delivered the message \_\_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_\_.

Transfer the letters in the shapes above to their proper place in order below to see what we learned from the lesson about Samuel today.

God uses people to accomplish his plans. And he will use us if we

\_\_\_\_\_       \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_    .

ELI  
AFRAID  
ANYWAY  
HANNAH  
ISRAEL  
JUDGMENT  
MESSAGE  
OBEDIENT  
WORSHIP



Answers: 1. Israel 2. Hannah 3. Eli 4. Worship 5. Message 6. Judgment 7. Afraid 8. Obedient. Listen, Learn, Obey



Fill in the missing words.

When the \_\_\_\_\_ cry for help, the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ and delivers them out of all their \_\_\_\_\_. The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ to the brokenhearted and \_\_\_\_\_ the crushed in \_\_\_\_\_. **Psalm 34:17-18**



## **What You Heard** *In the Word*

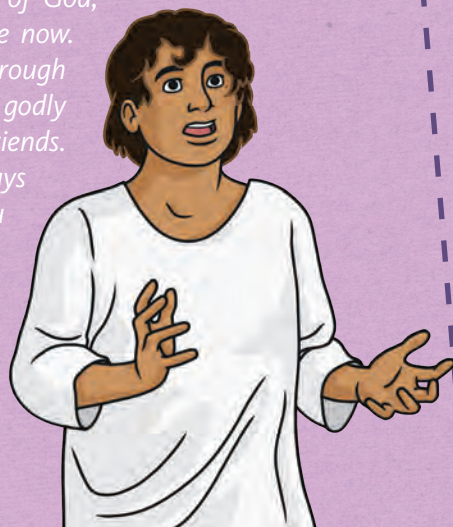
- God called Samuel to deliver a message of judgment on Israel and the house of Eli, and Samuel obeyed and delivered it.
- God's prophecy through Samuel came to pass when the Israelites were defeated by the Philistines in battle. The ark of the covenant was captured, and Eli and his sons were killed.

## **OutWord** *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend tells you about a man he saw on TV who said he was a prophet of God, and God told him the world was coming to an end next year so everyone better repent. **What would you say?**

*We need to be careful when people say they are prophets! It is true that God used prophets to give his message to his people long ago. Prophets were very important to the Israelites and the early church. But those people didn't have the complete Word of God, the Bible, like we have now.*

*God does still work through his people, teaching us through godly parents, teachers, pastors, and friends. But it would be a good idea to always compare what anyone tells you about God with what the Bible says. We are blessed to have it, and we should rely on it for all truth.*



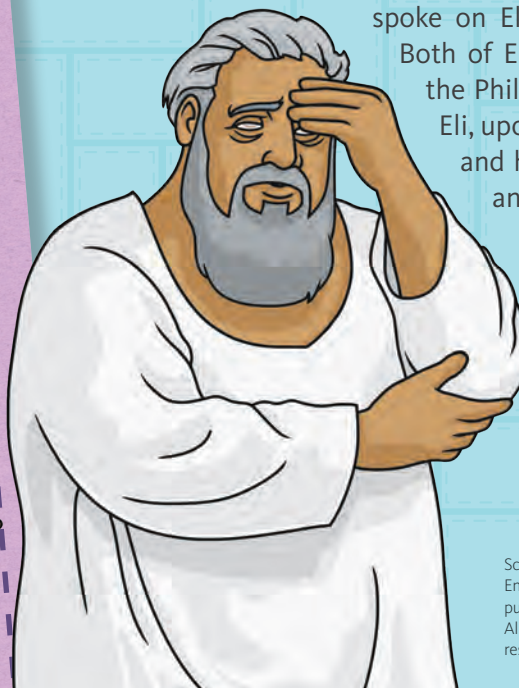
## **HomeWord** *For Parents*

During an annual visit to the tabernacle, Hannah pled with God for a son. God answered her prayer, and Samuel was born. Samuel grew up serving in the tabernacle with Eli, the high priest. As priest, Eli was responsible for his sons, Hophni and Phinehas. But they were wicked, and Eli failed to restrain them. Eli's sons, however, were not the only evil ones in the land. All of Israel was continually falling into wickedness, idolatry, and sin.

Because of the people's sin, God was about to reveal his judgment to young Samuel, who would become the last judge of Israel. God's message to Samuel was fearful news. God planned to judge Eli's household and Israel as a nation. The judgment prophesied by Samuel would prove to be God's final judgment on Israel during this dark era of history.

God's judgment came to the nation of Israel through the Philistines, who came against them in battle. Israel lost many soldiers in the battle, and the ark of the covenant, which the Israelites had hoped would serve as a spiritual force to bring victory, was captured. Not only that, but the judgment God spoke on Eli and his family came to pass.

Both of Eli's sons died in the battle with the Philistines, just as God told Samuel. Eli, upon hearing that the ark was taken and his sons killed, fell over in shock and died. God's glory had departed from Israel. Samuel's prophetic declaration of God's judgment on the sin, wickedness, and idolatry of Israel was fulfilled.



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