

God Calls Samuel Skit

(Based on 1 Samuel 3:1–18)

Parts: Samuel, Eli, and Narrator (teacher)

Props: two bathrobes (or pajamas), two pillows, two towels/blankets, two chairs

Scene: Give Samuel and Eli bathrobes (or pajamas) to wear. At the front of the room, have Eli and Samuel each lie down on their towels/blankets with a pillow. Set up chairs as a wall between them.

Narrate the script below and give cues to the volunteers for what to say and do.

Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. At that time, Eli couldn't see well. He was lying down in his place. Samuel was lying down in the tabernacle of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called Samuel, "Samuel!"

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

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

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

And the Lord called again, "Samuel!"

And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." *Have Samuel run to Eli and repeat line.*

Eli said, "I did not call, my son, lie down again." *Have Eli repeat and Samuel run back to bed.*

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time, "Samuel!"

And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for 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 servant hears.'" *Have Eli point for Samuel to return to bed.*

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

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

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

Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. On that day, I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay until morning. Then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And he was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. *Have Samuel get up and pretend to open a door.*

But Eli called him, "Samuel, my son!" *Have Eli get up and repeat line.*

Samuel answered, "Here I am." *Have Samuel jump or 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.*

Then Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. *Have Samuel whisper in Eli's ear.*

Eli said, "It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him."

End of Skit

Let's give our volunteers a hand for helping us today! *Have students clap for actors. Tell volunteers to return props and costumes and then return to their seats.*