

WORSHIP - DISCUSS - MEMORIZE - ACTIVITY



# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

I SAMUEL 3:1-10; 19-21; PROVERBS 2:1-5





## STEP THREE, LISTEN TO GOD.



Even though there's no exact recipe, kids will find that they can prepare themselves for a loving relationship with God when they listen to God.

This week, kids hear about how God prepared Samuel by calling him one night.

## WORSHIP

"Your Power Will Pull Us Through"  
Group Publishing

"Pray"  
Vineyard Kids

"Echo"  
Elevation Worship

"Something Good"  
Gateway Kids Worship

## DISCUSS

### Read Proverbs 2:1

How do you store up things people say?  
How does storing up things God says help us?

Who is someone in your life who can help you recognize and respond to God's voice?

How can you make space to listen to God without distractions?

This month, your kids are memorizing the Bible verse Ephesians 2:10 NIV, in case you want to work on them together.

[growcurriculum.org/Ephesians2-10](http://growcurriculum.org/Ephesians2-10)

Fold a paper into a small book.

Learn Here: <https://youtu.be/21qi9ZcQVto>

Brainstorm ways we can listen to God. (For example, through the Bible, through prayer, through the Holy Spirit, through other Christians, and through God's creation.) Invite the kids to decorate their books and write or draw on the pages the ways they can listen to God.

Talking to God is very important, but listening to God is equally or maybe even more important! There are many things God wants to tell us and share with us as we walk with God. God wants to guide us, comfort us, and encourage us, so it's so important to remember step three, listen to God!

## MEMORIZE

Sometimes we need to hear God speak to us multiple times before we can really listen to God. No matter how many times it takes remember step three, listen to God.

Dear God, thank you that you are always near, ready to speak to us. We're listening! Help us to understand you and your plans for us more as we listen. Amen.

## ACTIVITY





**Judges & Ruth**

**Before 1 Samuel**

**Book of the Bible**

**2 Samuel**

**After 1 Samuel**

# **1 Samuel**

**Chapter 3:1-10, 19-21**

**Verses**

**1** The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

**2** One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

**3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

**4** Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."

**5** And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

**6** Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

**7** Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

**8** A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy.

**9** So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

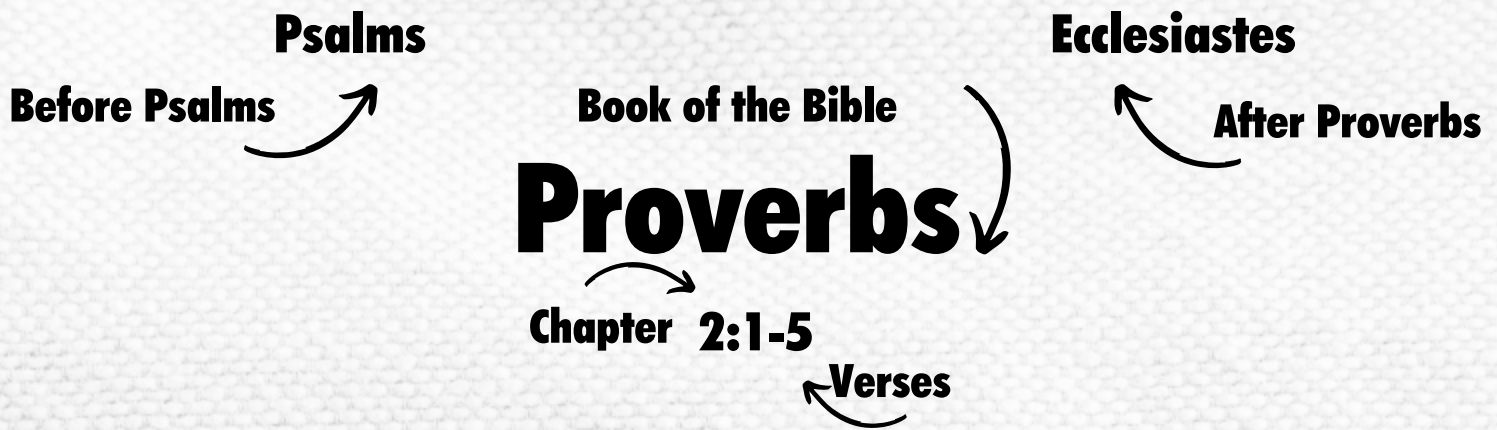
**10** The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**19** The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.

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How can you store up God’s commands within you?

Reading the Bible is one way we can listen to God because it literally is God’s Word. But you may still be wondering how to do this.

Here’s a simple way to take what God says in the Bible and turn it into a more meaningful time of listening to God.

**First**, read God’s words out loud. What does the verse say?

**Second**, think about what God’s words could mean. What is it saying to you? How is it connecting with you?

**Third**, pray about what you heard. What can you say to God about what you just read and thought about? “Call out for insight and cry out for understanding.” (verse 3)

**Fourth**, listen longer. Look at the words for a longer time than you normally would.

Look for God in it. “If you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.” (verses 4–5).

But remember, like we talked about earlier, listening is not just hearing what God tells you — it’s doing it!

Jesus was the greatest example of listening to God. Not only did he spend a lot of time listening for God’s instructions, he listened to God by doing it.

Jesus obeyed and listened to God until the very end, and we can do the same!