

A Voice in the Night

Samuel is called by God 1 Samuel 1; 2:11; 3



Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- **Who called out to Samuel during the night?** (The Lord)
- What did Eli tell Samuel to say? ("Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening.")
- What did the Lord tell Samuel to do? (The Lord told him to be His prophet and pass on His words faithfully to His people.)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

Samuel did not know it was the Lord speaking to him at first. But when Eli told him it was the Lord, Samuel was ready to listen and obey. Samuel heard the Lord's call and obeyed it faithfully for many years, until he was an old man.



Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

When Samuel received instructions from God, he chose to obey them. Jesus also did what God, His Father, sent Him to do, even unto death. Today, God's followers still receive guidance from Him. We can learn how to obey God by reading His Word, the Bible.



And the Lord (point both hands up)
came and called as before (cup hands around your mouth),
"Samuel! Samuel!"
And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening (cup hand around your ear)."
1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)



Dear God,

Thank You for not leaving me alone without help or instructions. Help me to learn more about You and how You want me to live from Your Word. Amen.

