

Dear Parent(s),

I trust you are all doing well.

Today's Bible story on Samuel is one of my favorites. When Samuel was a boy it was not that common for people to hear the voice of the Lord, but now it is! The Bible says in Joel 2:28, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see vision." Yes, our sons and daughters will prophesy! God has actually been dreaming and planning for our kids to hear His voice and respond to it. As you dive into the lesson this week on Samuel be encouraged that we are living in a time where God is speaking to his children. He is not just speaking randomly, but He is speaking to our kids with a plan and purpose that will see them not only draw closer to Him, but will help expand His kingdom.

Below is an encouraging article from Charisma Magazine that tells the story of Will Ford's son having a prophetic dream. God is on the move. Be encouraged, God has great plans for your kids. He longs to have a relationship with them and to talk with them everyday! Be blessed as you dive into the teaching on Samuel this weekend.

 [7 Year-old has Prophetic Dream of Covid-19 Ending](#)

**With lots of love and hope,**

Susan Wertheimer

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## ELEMENTARY LESSON

### *Samuel Hears the Voice of the Lord.*

#### **Bible Story: Samuel**

Read the story about Samuel found in 1 Samuel chapter 1 and 3 with your children.

Watch the following video:

 [Saddleback Kids—God Speaks to Samuel](#)

#### **Memory Verse**

*"Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."*

 [1 Samuel 3:10](#)

#### **Big Idea**

We can hear from God.

#### **Family Questions**

1. What was the Bible story from 1 Samuel 1 and 3 about?
2. What are some things you learned about Samuel from this story?

3. Why do you think Eli didn't realize God might want to talk to Samuel? *Answer: He was sleepy. He didn't expect to hear from God.*
4. Can a child your age hear from God. *Answer: Yes, the bible tells us, "My sheep hear my voice." John 10:27 (NKJV). In the Bible it talks often of Jesus being the "shepherd" and we are his "sheep".*

### Wrap Up

God had a very important plan for Samuel's life, and he has a very important plan for our life as well. In our Bible story today God communicated to Samuel with an audible voice. God wants to talk to us as well, but it might be in a different way. He might speak to us through a Picture (Amos 8), Impressions we feel, Dreams, a scripture verse and many other ways. The most important thing is to take time to listen to God and respond to what he is saying. And, if you don't "hear" something ask God to "show" you something. Samuel grew up and gave spiritual leadership to the nation of Israel and he also anointed both Saul and David as Kings. Wow, if he could use Samuel's life just think how he can use your life!

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you that you love me and that you have great plans for my life. Help to take time to listen to what you have to say to me. Give me understanding and a boldness to follow through with what you want me to do. Help me to remember how valuable other people are and help me to have a heart to love and serve others.

## PRESCHOOL LESSON

### Bible Story: A Voice in the Night—Samuel

Watch the following video together: [▶ The Bible App for Kids—A Voice In the Night](#)

Your kids can also enjoy having the Bible story read to them by Shannon Roberts. [▶ Story](#)

### Memory Verse

*"Morning, noon and night, the Lord hears my voice."*

### Psalm 55:17

### Family Questions:

1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?
2. What was the Preschool Big Idea? *Answer: Because He loves us, God always listens when we pray to Him.*
3. When can you pray? *Answer: I can pray all night, all day!*

4. What did the picture passes mean?

- ▶ Alarm clock—I pray to start each day.
- ▶ Toy Car—God is with us everywhere we go.
- ▶ Bed—I can pray to God each night.

5. Samuel talked with God. When do you like to talk to God?

**Explore God’s Big Story:**

When Samuel was little he heard the voice of the Lord. We can hear the voice of the Lord too. God can speak to us morning, noon and night. So take time to listen to God this week.

**Prayer**

Dear Jesus, thank you for speaking to me and loving me. I invite you to speak to me this week. Help me to hear your voice and obey.

## Family Activity

### PROPHETIC ACTIVATION: PROPHETIC JOURNAL

Items Needed: Journal and Pen

This week I want to encourage you during your meal time to ask you kids what they have heard God saying to them during the day. If you child does not feel confident that they heard anything then ask them if they “saw” anything. Often God speaks in pictures to his children. Because we know that Christ is in us and we have a sanctified mind we can trust that the pictures we see in our imagination came from God. Then write them down in a journal. At the end of the week read all the prophetic words that you have heard and do a little bit of processing with your kids. Was God repeating the same things? Is there a prophetic word that you need to act upon? How do these prophetic words change our prayer focus? If your child continually hears the Father say to them, “I love you.” Encourage your kids to a reciprocal step and respond back with their love for the Father. Set them up in a quiet place with some worship music and encourage them to take five to ten minutes telling God how much they love Him too. Helping our kids encounter the presence of God is one of the best things we can do as parents.

If you have young children you can ask them to listen to God for a specific person, place, or thing.

