



Session 1: Samuel



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Bible Story

In this story, we meet a boy named Samuel who learned to listen to God and who dedicated his life to serving God and speaking to God's people.

Background

- ◆ Samuel's mum was called Hannah. For many years, Hannah wasn't able to have any children, even though she really wanted to be a mum. So she prayed to God outside the Tent of the Lord, where Eli the priest lived.
- ◆ Soon afterwards, Hannah became pregnant. She gave birth to a boy - who she named Samuel.
- ◆ When Samuel was still a very young boy, Hannah brought him to the Tent of the Lord and gave him over to Eli, the priest, to raise. Hannah said that God had answered her prayers and had given her a son, so she wanted to give her son back to God. She said that Samuel would belong to God all his life.

Bible Passage - Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Read the passage and/or watch an animated version of the story (links below and on web page).

The story continues...

- ◆ The message God gave Samuel that night was about Eli - whose sons had been wicked. God was going to keep punishing Eli for not looking after his own sons properly. God also told Samuel about the different things that were going to happen to Israel.
- ◆ The Bible goes on to tell us how Samuel grew up to be an important messenger for God. He continued to listen carefully to God and he shared God's messages with the Israelites (God's special people). Everything Samuel said would happen became true.
- ◆ Many years after this story Samuel was sent by God to anoint a new king - a teenage boy called David. We will learn more about him in Session 4.

Animated Bible Story

If you'd like to watch an animated version of today's Bible story, you may want to click on either of the following links. Both will take you to external sites with suitable versions of the stories.

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Saddleback Kids Animation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P13uIsFW7OA>

Flipbuilder Story Book: <https://online.flipbuilder.com/zrww/lnrj/>



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Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [International Children's Bible]

The boy Samuel served the Lord under Eli. In those days the Lord did not speak directly to people very often. There were very few visions.

2 Eli's eyes were so weak he was almost blind. One night he was lying in bed. **3** Samuel was also in bed in the Lord's Holy Tent. The Ark of the Covenant was in the Holy Tent. God's lamp was still burning.

4 Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "I am here!" **5** He ran to Eli and said, "I am here. You called me."

But Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed.

6 The Lord called again, "Samuel!"

Samuel again went to Eli and said, "I am here. You called me."

Again Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed."

7 Samuel did not yet know the Lord. The Lord had not spoken directly to him yet.

8 The Lord called Samuel for the third time. Samuel got up and went to Eli. He said, "I am here. You called me."

Then Eli realized the Lord was calling the boy. **9** So he told Samuel, "Go to bed. If he calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in bed.

10 The Lord came and stood there. He called as he had before. He said, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, "Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening."