

Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-10



When Samuel was a young boy, he heard the voice of God. But he didn't know it was God right away! Samuel thought it was his master Eli calling him in the night, but it was God calling Samuel to be a very important prophet and judge for Israel. Samuel began this role as a child and continued to speak God's word throughout his adult life.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Samuel was called by God during a difficult time in history when "the word of the LORD was rare" (1 Sam. 3:1). He was considered the last judge and first major prophet.

Eli was an elderly priest at Shiloh who recognized when God was trying to talk to Samuel.



God called to Samuel when he was sleeping and called him four times in this story!

About the Video

Samuel was a young boy who lived in the temple and served with the priest Eli. One night Samuel heard someone calling his name. He thought it was Eli. Three times he went to Eli's room after hearing the call. The fourth time, Eli urged him to listen to see if it was God. And it was!

- What did the mouse get to see that no one else did in the story?
- What do you think God's voice sounds like?
- Why do you think God called a kid Samuel instead of an adult Eli?

Try This!

Go into separate rooms in your home and shut the doors. Take turns calling each other's names. Do you recognize the voices? Why might God's voice be hard to recognize?

Prayer

Dear God, it's exciting that you want to talk to every one of us—old and young! Give us listening ears, so we know it's you calling our names. Give us serving hands, so we can be your caring people. Amen!