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LESSON OVERVIEW

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This Lesson is on the prophet Samuel, who, as a child, heard the voice of God. He had no idea what was going on! Most likely, we won't hear God's voice aloud. But we will hear it in our hearts. We need to be like Samuel—remaining calm until we can sort out God's plan of action, then carry it out truthfully!

How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Printable Craft
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Several blindfolds (game)
- Various objects, like pieces of fruit, balls, chalkboard eraser, and so on (game)
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)

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SCRIPTURE & LESSON

PASSAGE (NIV): 1 SAMUEL 3

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



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."

Questions for Children

1. **Given Samuel's response, what must the voice of the Lord sounded like?** *It sounded like a normal human voice such that Samuel thought it was Eli; not loud or frightening.*
2. **How did Samuel and Eli finally solve the issue of Samuel hearing God's voice?** *They agreed Samuel should address God and say that he was listening.*
3. **What would you do if you heard the voice of the Lord? Do you think you would recognize it? Why or why not? Would you like to hear the voice of the Lord, or would you just as soon skip it?** *Take answers. Encourage them to realize that if God ever spoke to them aloud, it would be a very, very special moment.*



TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

Samuel was just a child when he heard the Lord's voice for the first time. He may have been just a bit older than you, around 13. It was a very special occurrence. It is something any person on earth would want to hear. But very, very few have.

We do, however, hear God in our hearts. He speaks to our hearts when he wants us to do something like share, care, listen, advise, and help others. We can know when it is the Lord. One way is that we seem to get an "idea" of how to help someone, and we sense God's presence. Or we find ourselves thinking of God while thinking of this idea.

Then we often have to turn the idea into a plan. That's when God will reveal more. Samuel had to listen for God's voice four times before God's message became clear.

If God speaks to your heart to help a sick person, then God will help you see how best to help. So, the idea is only the start. You will keep hearing God in your heart until the plan is completed. Sometimes his voice will be clear. Other times you may have to wait for clarity.

In the story of Samuel, God revealed something to the boy. It was about the priest Eli, who was in charge of Samuel, and his sons. His sons worked in the temple but they were lying and cheating. Samuel did not correct them no matter what the boys seemed to do. God got mad. He told Samuel that he was going to find a new priest and family to serve in his holy place.

Samuel did not want to tell Eli that God said he was fired. It was hard to do. But he told the truth as God asked him to.

What God asks us to do may not be easy. But it will help make the world a better place. So it's important to be prepared for God to speak to your heart, like Samuel got prepared. Believe he will speak, and what happened to Samuel could happen to you. God spoke to him personally many times as he grew to be a man.



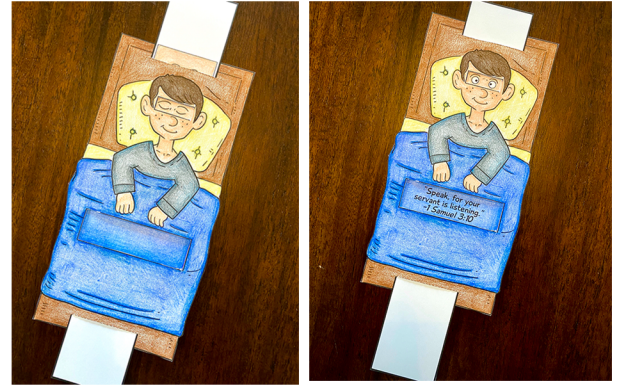
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PRINTABLE CRAFT



MATERIALS:

- Sleeping Samuel Slide Printable Craft File
- White Cardstock or White Paper
- Coloring Utensils
- Scissors

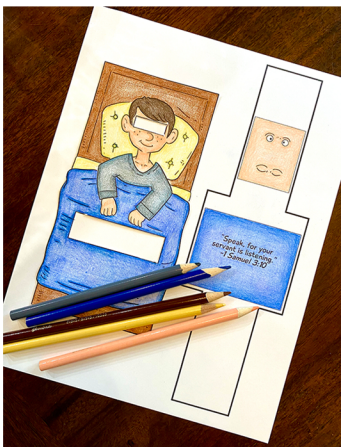


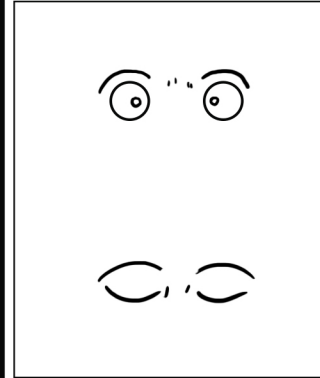
PREPARATION:

- Print one copy of Sleeping Samuel Slide craft for each student

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color pages as desired
2. Carefully cut out pieces, and cut dotted lines at the head and foot of bed. Carefully cut and remove boxes with dotted lines.
3. With Slide on the bottom and Bed on top, carefully align the eyes and scripture with the correct boxes. Slip the top of the slide through the slit at the top, and bottom of the slide through the slit at the bottom.
4. Pull slide to see Sleeping Samuel wake up





"Speak, for your
servant is listening."
-1 Samuel 3:10



GAME

FINDING THE TREASURE...BLINDFOLDED

Samuel heard the voice of the Lord. We will also hear the voice of the Lord in our hearts if we are sensitive to it. This game of sensitivity while blindfolded is a great representation.



MATERIALS:

- Several blindfolds
- Various objects, like pieces of fruit, balls, chalkboard eraser, and so on.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Have the children split into pairs.
2. One child will be blindfolded and the other child will run the experiment.
3. The child running the experiment will place the object on the other child's right or left.
4. The blindfolded child must reach in the direction they believe it to be.
5. If he guesses right, he keeps the object in his lap as a point.
6. If he guesses wrong, the partner will put the object in a discard pile.

EXPLANATION

People have an uncanny ability to feel things. There has been some research into why, and most points toward our senses picking up on even the slightest sound or vibration. More research has to be done on why there seems to be so much success when people go with their gut instincts.

APPLICATION:

Using our instinct is a lot like using our faith. We may feel like we're completely in the dark about the directions God wants us to take. Ultimately, he is there. And if we are patient and quiet like Samuel was, we will be able to find the things and people we need to fulfill his will.



WORD SEARCH

Instructions: All the words below describe the prophet Samuel or have something to do with his life. Find them in the puzzle.

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M	C	B	U	V	V	N	X	Y	O	U	N	G	Y	I	N
K	N	H	R	S	N	O	J	L	L	G	V	R	J	S	S
T	M	R	F	L	Z	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	Z	C	I
R	C	G	R	P	C	O	N	F	I	D	E	N	T	E	G
Q	I	I	R	C	A	V	Y	S	B	R	F	T	S	R	H
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S	T	R	A	I	G	H	T	F	O	R	W	A	R	D	I

Words to Find:

**YOUNG
PROPHET
GIFTED
TALENTED**

**INSIGHTFUL
HONEST
TRUTHFUL
STRAIGHTFORWARD**

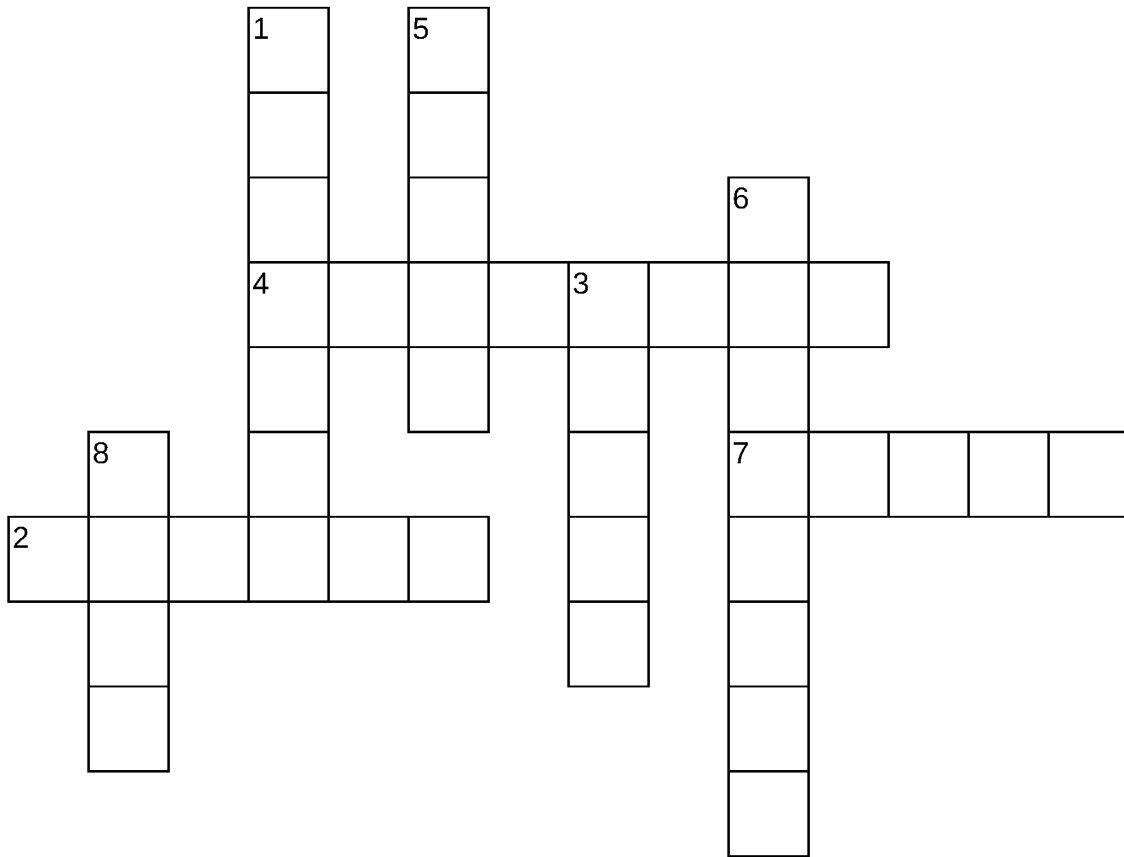
**DISCERNING
PATIENT
CONFIDENT
GRACIOUS**

**HARDWORKING
RIGHTEOUS
FAITHFUL**



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Instructions: Use your At-A-Glance sheet, the Facts about Samuel, to fill in the answers to the crossword below.



Across

- 2. Name of Samuel's mother
- 4. Approximate age in which Samuel heard the voice of the Lord
- 7. Where the witch was from

Down

- 1. Order of Samuel in the line of Israel's judges, also being the last of them
- 3. Approximate age in which Samuel was given to the priests to raise
- 5. Samuel anointed this youth as the future king of Israel
- 6. This prophet likely authored 1st and 2nd Samuel
- 8. A witch had Samuel predicted the death of this king as well as his two sons



AT-A-GLANCE

IN A NUTSHELL

Samuel was a prophet of God who was also the 15th and last judge of Israel.

BIRTH

Around 1070 BC

DEATH

Around 1012 BC

FACT #1

His mother Hannah prayed to God for a child, and was so happy when Samuel was born that she vowed to allow the temple priests to raise him. She turned him over to them when he was around the age of three.

FACT #2

Samuel is the only child in the Bible known to have heard the voice of the Lord. He was around 13 years of age.

FACT #3

Samuel arose during a period where there was very little prophecy or miracles occurring. So hearing God's voice marked Samuel as very special.

FACT #4

God appeared to Samuel and spoke to him often after this first experience.

FACT #5

When he was approaching 40, Samuel anointed David to be king over Israel (even though it was 15 years before it happened).

FACT #6

The Bible books of 1 and 2 Samuel were named after the great prophet (though they were likely written by the prophet Jeremiah.)

FACT #7

1 Samuel 28 tells of a real-life horror story in which Samuel, now dead, is brought back from across the grave by the witch of Endor. He predicted the death of King Saul the following day, along with Saul's two sons. Their deaths came about as the prophet predicted.

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PARENT HANDOUT



Scriptures to Read: 1 Samuel 3



This Week We Learned About ...

...how the Old Testament prophet Samuel heard the voice of God. Most of us will not hear such a thing aloud, but we can feel God speak and move in our hearts. But sometimes we have to wait until the details God has for us come clear. Samuel had courage and patience. We need to have the same things in order to lead Godly lives.



✓ Questions for Kids:

1. Who suggested Samuel that the Lord was calling? **A. Eli**
2. Where was Samuel when he heard the voice of the Lord? **A. In Bed**
3. What did God tell Samuel?
A. That he was going to punish Eli

✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

There are many ways to hear from the Lord that don't involve hearing an actual voice. Sometimes we hear him when we read the bible. Often we just have a sense of what he wants us to do. Have you ever heard from the Lord? Tell the story.

Think of some things you know you want you to do in your life. What are they? How can you put them into practice or grow into them even more?

Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



Whoever is of God hears the words of God.
John 8:47



My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. **John 10:27-28**



So Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. **Romans 10:17**

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QUIZ

Instructions: Write out the scripture, then answer the journal question below. Find the answers to the mini-puzzles by using your At-a-Glance Sheet, and then draw the picture, answering the question.

Write out the following Bible verse: **1 Samuel 3:10**

If the Lord spoke to you in the middle of the night, how do you think you would know it was he and not a human?

Fill in the squares: The witch who brought Samuel back from the dead and angered him was from this region.

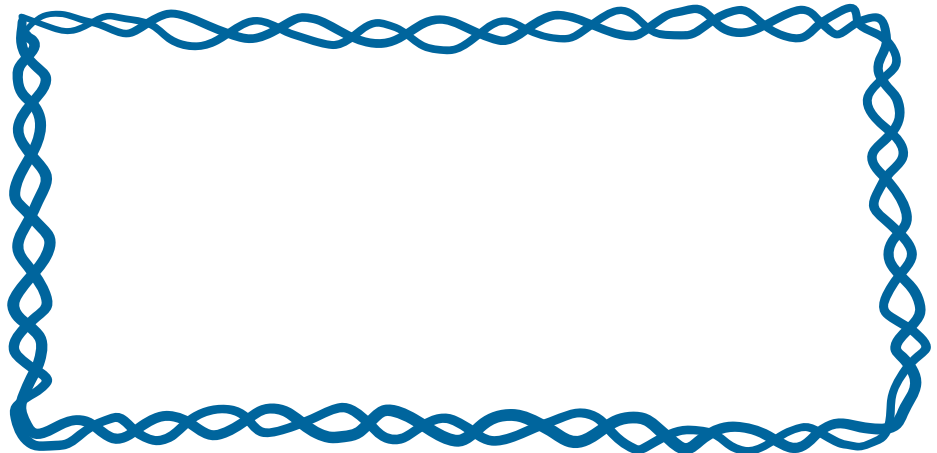
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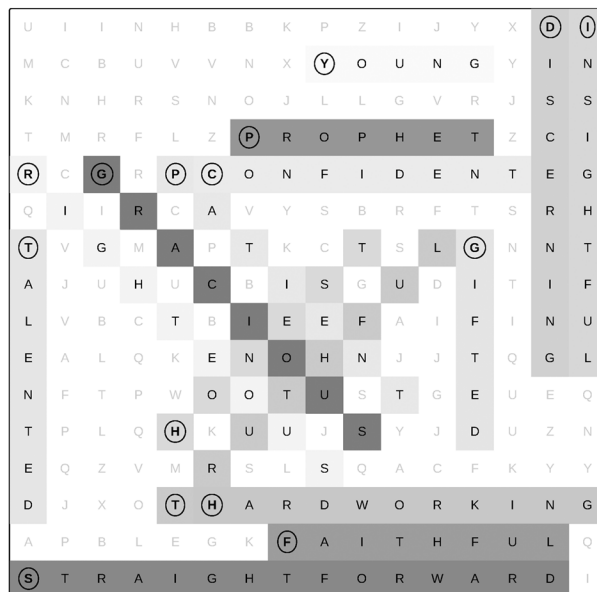
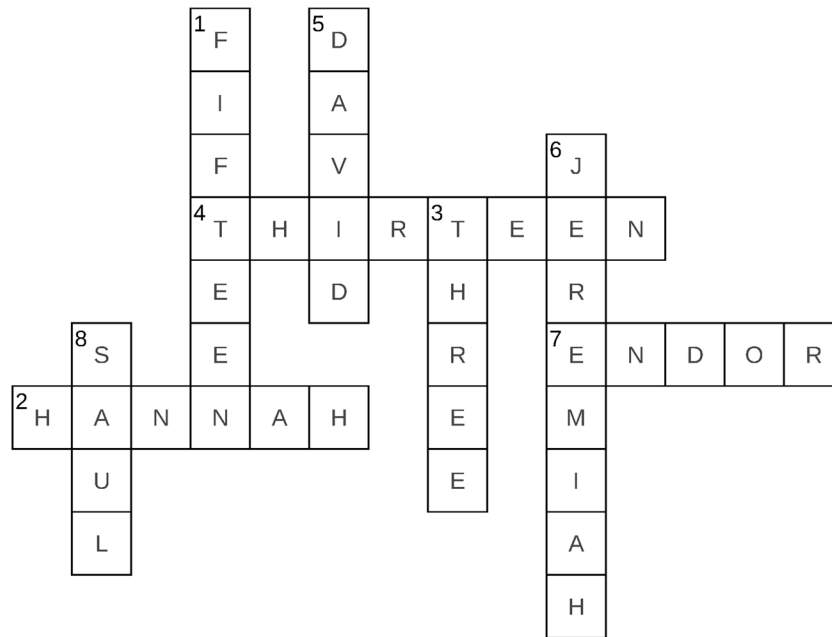
Decode the secret words: Samuel was special because

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Draw yourself with Samuel.
If you could ask him any question, what would it be?





Teacher's QUIZ ANSWERS in order:

- 1) ENDOR
- 2) THE WORD OF THE LORD WAS RARE; THERE WERE NOT MANY VISIONS.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION



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