

SAMUEL THE PROPHET

1 Samuel 3



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Samuel as a Prophet



Samuel grew up with Eli, the priest He helped Eli with his duties in the tabernacle of the Lord.

Eli's eyesight had become very weak. He could not see properly any more. One night Eli was asleep in his bed. Samuel laid down near the Ark of the Covenant. Then God called Samuel. Samuel thought it was Eli calling him. He ran to Eli and said, "You called me. Here I am."

Eli said, "I did not call you. Go and lie down and go to sleep."

Samuel laid down again. Once again God called, "Samuel!"

Samuel got up again, ran to Eli and said, "You called me. Here I am."

Eli said, "I did not call you. Go and lie down again." Samuel didn't know that it was God who was calling him.

God called Samuel a third time. He got up, ran to Eli and said, "You called me. Here I am."

Then Eli realised that it was God who was calling the boy and said, "Go and lie down again. And when you are called the next time say, 'Speak, Lord for Your servant hears'." Samuel laid down again on his bed.

God came to Samuel and called as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel replied as Eli had instructed him, "Speak, Lord for Your servant hears."

God said to Samuel, "Eli knew all that his sons' did against Me and he did not scold them."

Samuel laid down until morning and opened the doors of the tabernacle. He was frightened of telling Eli what God had said. But when Eli called him, Samuel told him everything and kept nothing back.

Eli bowed to the will of the Lord. Samuel continued to grow, and the Lord was with him. All Israel knew that Samuel was a prophet of the Lord.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, blanket, pillow and additional materials.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What does Samuel experience during one night? (God calls him three times.)
- What does Samuel answer to God? (Speak, for Your servant hears.)
- What is a tabernacle? (A tent containing the Ark of the Covenant)
- When Samuel grows older, he is seen by the people of Israel as a prophet of God.
- What are the qualities and tasks of a prophet?
(He believes and trusts in God. He reveals the will of God to the people.)

Have the children repeat...

- God called Samuel.
- Today God calls us, even as Sunday School children, to help Him serve others.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Samuel was willing to serve God.
- How does God call us today?
(When we have a thought to do something for someone within the congregation, ...)
- If we are too busy or push the thought aside, we miss the opportunity to answer God's call.
- We are willing to serve God.

Repeat the Message

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our blessing.