

Parents Connect

Bible Story:

Samuel Obeyed God
(1 Sam. 3:1-10, 15-19)

Bible Phrase: "I will do what the Bible says"
(Ps. 119:44).

Bible Truth: God wants me to obey.



God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



4. God sent Jesus to help us.



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



got up and went to Eli, but again Eli said, "I have not called you."

A third time Samuel heard his name, and for the third time he went to Eli. This time Eli told Samuel if he heard the voice again to say, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears."

So Samuel went back to bed and again he heard his name, "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel spoke the words Eli told him to say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant hears."

The voice was God's. God told Samuel some important words that Eli needed to hear. The words would not be good news to Eli. The people had not obeyed God's law.

Eli knew God had spoken to Samuel. He asked Samuel to tell him what God said. Samuel obeyed God and told Eli the sad news.

Unfolding God's Story For Parents

This is the third in a four-week series from Samuel's life about how God hears us. Today's story is especially relevant for a preschooler because Samuel may not have been much older. It is also a reminder that we all need to be listening to hear from God. This is a foundational understanding of prayer missed by many adults. When we pray, we talk to God; if we listen, we also hear from God.

Bible Story

"Samuel Obeyed God"
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Samuel lived at the tabernacle with Eli the priest. He helped Eli take care of the tabernacle. Eli taught Samuel about God. One night as Samuel slept, he heard a voice calling, "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel got up and went to Eli, saying, "Here I am." Eli said he had not called, so Samuel went back to bed.

A second time Samuel heard, "Samuel, Samuel." He

Activity Suggestion

Play Attention

Call out commands such as: Attention, salute, march in place...stop, sit down, stand up, walk in a circle, clap your hands...stop, run in place...stop, etc. Now place cotton balls in each child's ears and whisper the commands. Stop after a few commands and talk about the difference in hearing and not hearing.

- Ask: "What do we do when we pray?"
- Comment: "Yes, we do all those things; but we can also listen."
- Talk about how important it was in the game to listen.
- Say: "Today's Bible story is about a boy who listened."
- Open your Bible and tell the story.
- Explain that we hear from God when we read the Bible and as we pray.
- Spend a few moments in prayer together, and remember to listen.