

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: LISTEN TO GOD

Samuel literally heard the voice of God calling to him. He was born to serve. His mother promised that to God and followed through. Samuel listened to God and became an important prophet of God. He was willing to say, "Here I am God! Use me!" Today we will see how we are all born to listen to God and to learn how to be used by him.



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

1 Samuel 1 and 3 from the NIRV
Pages 167-170 in the [Read with Me Bible](#)

STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
Kingdom Quest - Week 1



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR ALL KIDS: Act It Out!

Materials: Two blankets and two pillows

This is a fun story to act out! Choose family members to be Eli, Samuel and the voice of God. Set up a bed for Eli in one room using the blanket and pillow. Eli should pretend to be sleeping. Set up a bed in a separate room for Samuel. Samuel should pretend to be sleeping.

Voice of God: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel: Gets up and runs to Eli. "Here I am!"

Eli: "I didn't call you. Go back to bed!"

Samuel: Goes back to his bed.

Voice of God: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel: Gets up and runs to Eli. "Here I am!"

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Samuel: Goes back to his bed.

Voice of God: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel: Gets up and runs to Eli. "Here I am!"

Eli: "Go lie down again. If someone calls again, say, 'Speak, Lord, I'm listening.'"

Samuel: Goes back to his bed.

Voice of God: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel: "Speak. I'm listening!"



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FOR OLDER KIDS: Be Quiet

Materials: Bible

Actually sitting still and being quiet can be quite difficult for some kids (and some adults!). Take some time to practice this discipline.

- First, look up and read Psalm 46:10. “Be still, and know that I am God.”
- Say: What does this verse mean? How can we be still? What are the distractions we need to eliminate in order to be really quiet and still?
- Practice: Have each family member pick a spot in the room.
- Set a timer—for younger kids it may just be 30 seconds! For older kids, shoot for 5 minutes. Once the timer starts, each family member must be completely silent. Encourage the kids to close their eyes and really focus on Jesus. Sometimes it helps to imagine he is right there next to you—or maybe sitting with you in a special place like a beach or the mountains.
- Once the time is up, talk with your kids about their silent time. Was it hard to stay silent? Was it hard to focus on Jesus? The more we practice this discipline, the better we get at quieting our minds and hearts to focus on our Savior!



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