



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 37

Samuel and Eli

Lesson Aim: To know we should
listen to God.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "I will listen."

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO WATCHES OVER US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time. That means it's time to praise God! He is the One who watches over us even as we lay down to sleep. Let's sing God's promise to watch over us as we praise Him by giving our offering. Sing: "I Am with You."

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

In today's Bible Story, a boy named Samuel heard the Lord calling to him in the night. Samuel answered by saying, "I am listening, Lord." That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse: "I will listen." Let's whisper it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "I will listen." Include sign language.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Most of us don't get to hear God's out-loud voice as Samuel did. However, God helps us know in our hearts what He is saying to us—through the Bible, through people, and through the world He made. Sing: "I Will Listen."

God gives us strength to do everything—even to listen to Him. Sing: "I Can Do Everything" and "How Great Is Our God."

THE WORD SAMUEL AND ELI CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned how God gave Ruth and Naomi a special friendship. Today, we will hear how Samuel listened to God. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to 1 Samuel 3:10.

WATCH THE WORD: 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

Read poem. Display visual.

- There once was a boy named Samuel.
- He slept in the temple each night.
- He laid down to sleep; he heard a voice call,
- And he ran to Eli's bedside.
- Samuel said, "Eli, here I am.
- I heard you calling out."
- "I did not call you," Eli said.
- "Go back to bed and lie down."
- When Samuel lay back down to sleep,
- He heard the voice once more.
- But Eli said, "Go back and lie down."
- They did not know it was the Lord.
- The third time Samuel heard the voice,
- Old Eli figured it out.
- "Next time you hear that voice, just say,
- 'Here I am, Lord, I will listen now!'"

Who really called Samuel? (God.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read 1 Samuel 3:10 from the teacher's Bible. Remember that "Lord" is one of God's special names.

What did Samuel say when God called? ("I am listening.") That's like our Whisper Verse! Let's say it together: "I will listen." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY LISTENING TO GOD

CRAFT: Samuel and Sleeping Eli

GAMES: Here I Am!, Listen!

SNACK: Crunchy Munchies

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Jesus Gives Me Strength!, "God's Strength" Memory Pass

STORY TIME