

Activities:

Cut out questions and answers from following sheet and put them in two separate cups. Have children take turns picking out a question and answer. Most of them will not match up. Have you ever prayed for something and felt like God didn't answer you? God always has the right answer to our questions. But we have to listen and be willing to follow what He says. If we only pay attention to the answers that we like, we won't always hear the answers that go with our questions.

Let children smell spoiled milk. Does it smell like something you would like to drink? Why not? No one likes spoiled milk. Eli's sons were dishonest. They did not do what was right with the food brought for sacrifices. They did not treat the temple with respect. Eli's job as a parent was to correct them. But he didn't do this. God commands parents to train their children properly. They are responsible to God for how they raise their children. If parents let their children get away with bad behavior and never discipline them, they may wind up spoiled when they grow up. No one wants to drink spoiled milk and no one wants to be around spoiled people. You might think it would be nice if your parents spoiled you all the time, but when they discipline you, it's to keep you from turning into this (hold out milk).

What animal says “oink?”	Pig
What color are leaves?	Green
What planet do we live on?	Earth
What color are tomatoes?	Red
How many eyes do you have?	Two
How many monkeys are in this room?	None
Do you have an ostrich in your home?	No
What is the answer to $2+2$?	Four

UPPER

ELEMENTARY

NAME: _____

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SAMUEL

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PRIESTS

SPEAKING

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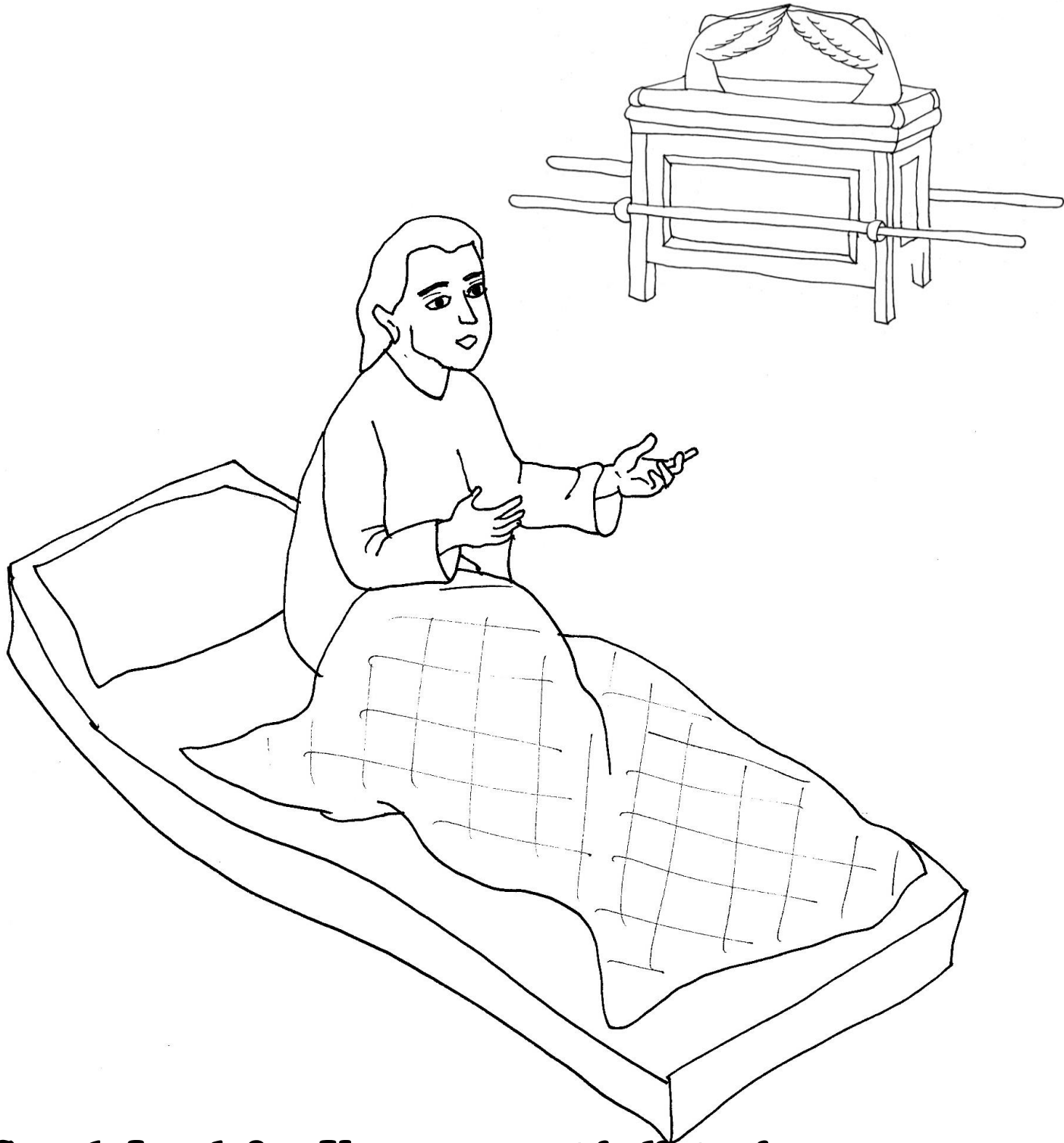
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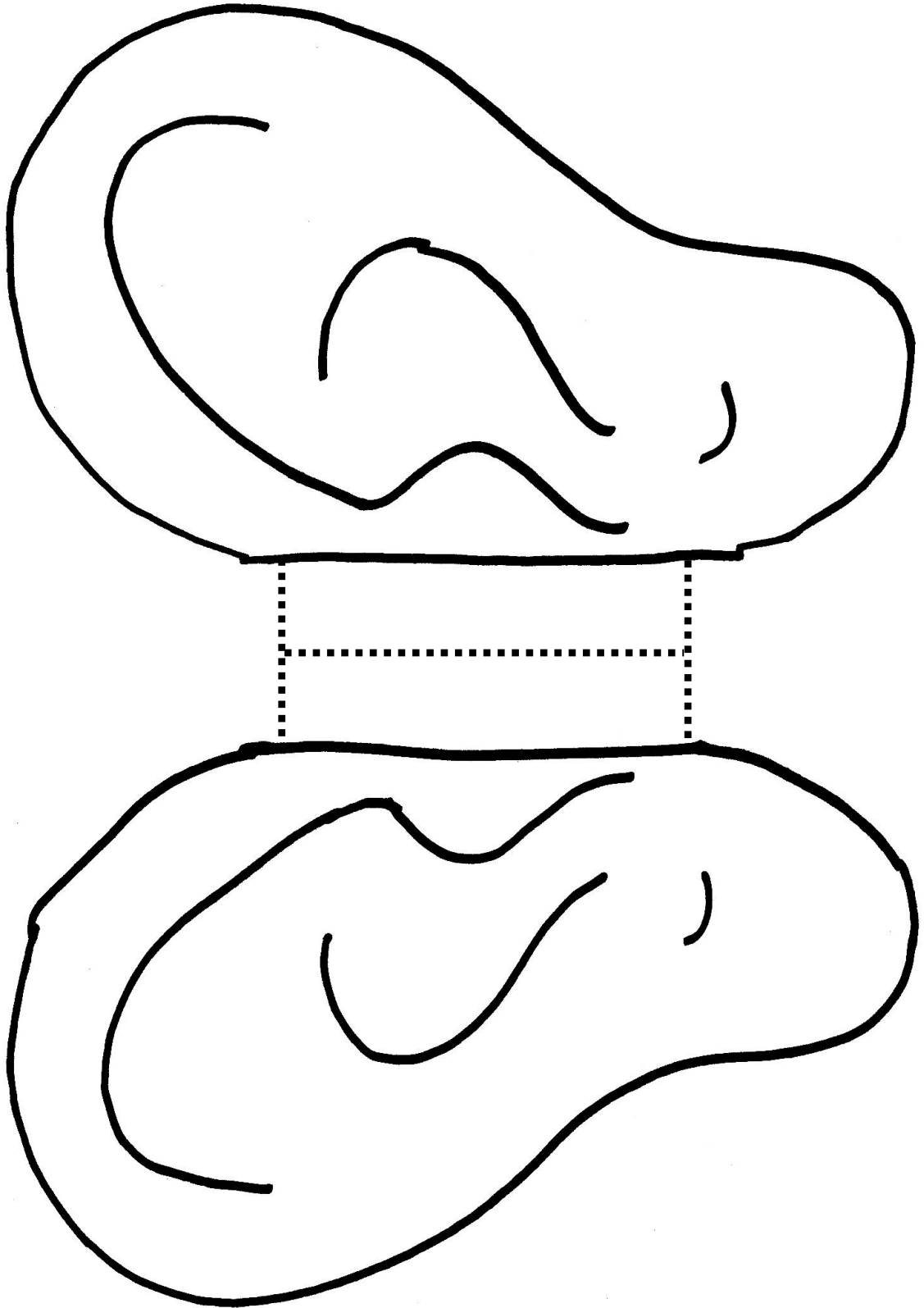


Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening.

~ 1 Samuel 3:9

- ❖ Print “Speak Lord...” onto cardstock
- ❖ Children color and cut out ears
- ❖ Teacher measures paper around child’s head and adds necessary amount of extra cardstock
- ❖ Teacher staples ears onto paper OR
- ❖ Children glue ears onto paper





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Preschool

Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw themselves listening to God.

Modeling Dough:

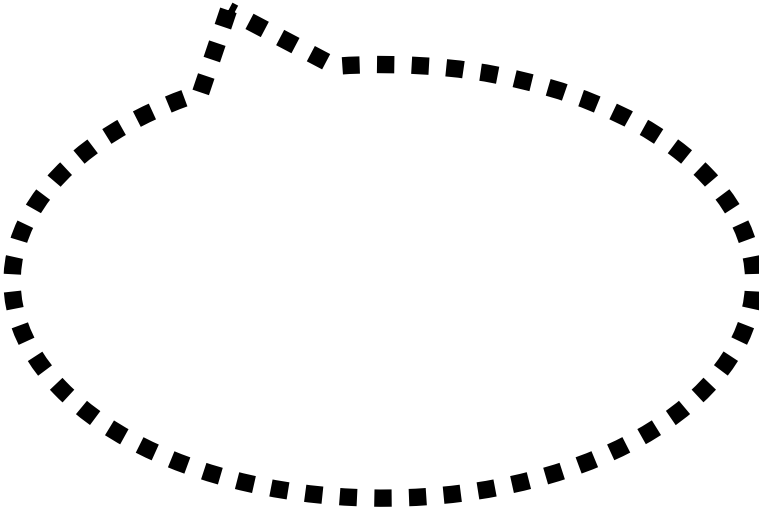
Encourage children to make something from the story, like Samuel, a bed, or an ear.

Games:

Have children pretend to be Samuel, sleeping. Call their names, one by one. When a child is called, they should get up and say, "I'm listening."

Have children play a round of telephone. Was it always easy to understand what you were being told? Does the message get confused because the person speaking is saying something different, or because the person listening is hearing something different? (the person listening) Do you think it's easy or hard to listen to God? It might seem hard at first, but the more you practice listening in prayer and when you learn about God, the easier it gets.

Name: _____



God wants me to listen.