

Skit for Whole Group

Samuel

Checklist

- microphone or loudspeaker
- phone
- toy food
- time out sign
- chair

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Story:	Samuel
Focus:	God wants us to listen for His voice.
Object:	phone
Intro:	What do you do on this? (talk) What else do you do on it? (listen) Is the listening just as important as the talking? Is it maybe even more important? God loves it when we talk to Him. Do you think He loves it when we listen to Him, too?
Skit (All Ages)	
Volunteers:	Samuel, Eli, Eli's 2 sons
children line up with toy food, Samuel hands food to Eli	Hannah's little boy Samuel grew up serving God in the tabernacle with Eli. All the people of Israel would bring their gifts to God there. Samuel helped Eli offer the gifts to God.
Eli's sons take food from children lined up and put in pockets	Eli's sons were also helpers, but they didn't follow instructions. They were mean and if they saw a gift for God they wanted, they just took it for themselves.
Eli shrugs	Eli didn't want to punish them, even though parents are supposed to correct their children when they're wrong.
Samuel and Eli lie down	One night when Samuel was sleeping, he heard his name called.
Samuel goes to Eli	He thought it was Eli, so he went to his room and said, "Here I am."
Eli shakes head, Samuel lies down	Eli said he didn't call him. Samuel went back to his room.
Samuel goes to Eli	Samuel heard his name a second time and went to Eli and said, "Here I am."
Eli shakes head, Samuel lies down	Eli said he didn't call him again. Samuel went back to his room again.
Samuel goes to Eli	He heard his name a third time and went to him and said, "Here I am."
Eli shakes head	Eli told him it must be God and sent him back to bed.
Samuel cups ears	When God called Samuel's name the fourth time, Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."
send Eli to chair with time out sign over it	God told Samuel that Eli's sons would need a punishment for their bad behavior. God was also upset with Eli for not correcting them like he was supposed to. Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the bad news, but he obeyed God.
give microphone or loudspeaker to Samuel	Because Samuel listened and obeyed, he became a speaker for God for the rest of his life.
goodness fruit	God wants us to be good listeners and good followers. Just like you always need to be listening for your mom or dad's voice to hear what they want you to do, always be listening for God's voice. He wants to tell you that He loves you, and that He has a special plan for your life. You just have to listen to find out what it is.

Preschool

Samuel

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modeling dough

Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw themselves listening to God.

Modeling Dough:

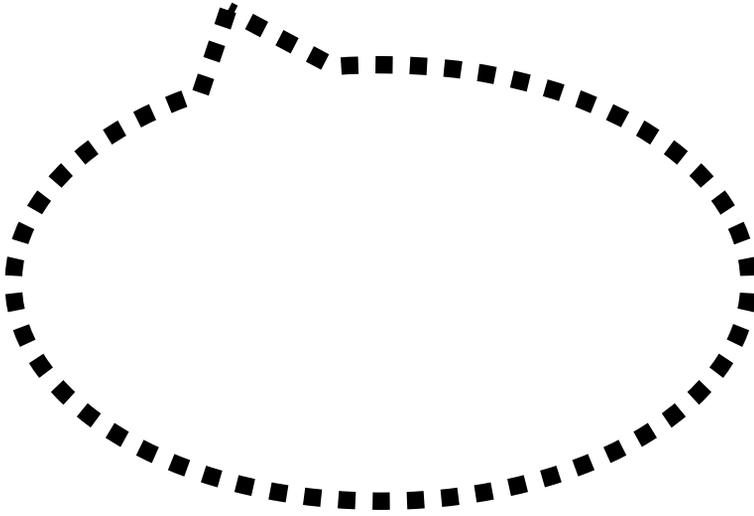
Encourage children to make something from the story, like Samuel, a bed, or an ear.

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.

Praying, Praying

(to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Praying, praying, yes, we are,

We pray to God, who is not far.

Up above the world so high,

But He's also right here when I cry.

Praying, praying, every night,

We pray for wisdom, peace, and light.

