

# GOD SPEAKS TO SAMUEL

## *1 Samuel 3:1-21*

### **1 Samuel 3**

<sup>1</sup>The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup>One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

<sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, <sup>16</sup>but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

<sup>17</sup>"What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes."

<sup>19</sup>The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Samuel hear during the night?
5		2.) Who did Samuel think was speaking to him?
5		3.) What did the Lord say to Samuel?
5		4.) Why do you think Samuel was afraid to tell Eli what the Lord had said?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"...Speak, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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*Samuel thinks Eli is calling him at night*

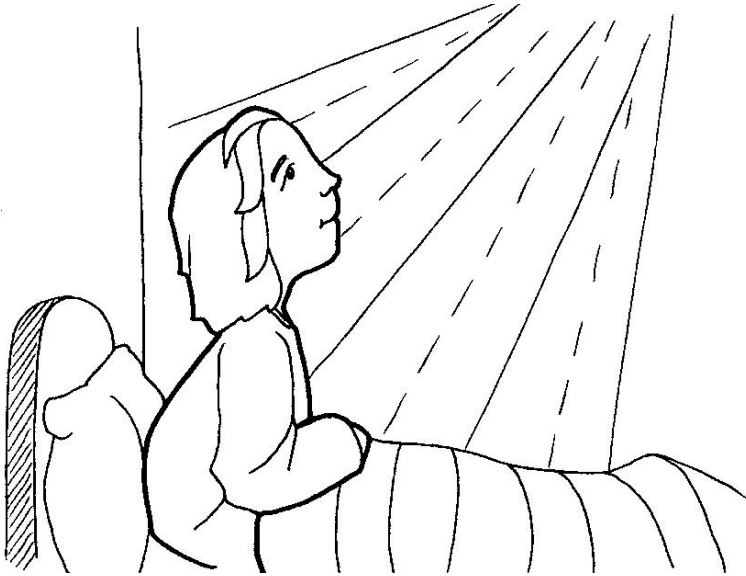
## A SPECIAL REPORT ON 1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

## A black and white line drawing of a young boy standing and talking to an elderly man lying in bed. The boy is gesturing with his hands. A small table with a bowl sits between them.

“I did not call,”  
replied Eli, “Go

To find out more, read 1 Samuel 3:1-21  
in your Bible.

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It was God calling Samuel. Samuel listened to God and obeyed him.



Samuel was sleeping one night in the temple. He heard a voice calling to him.

## Memory Verse

“...speak, for your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10

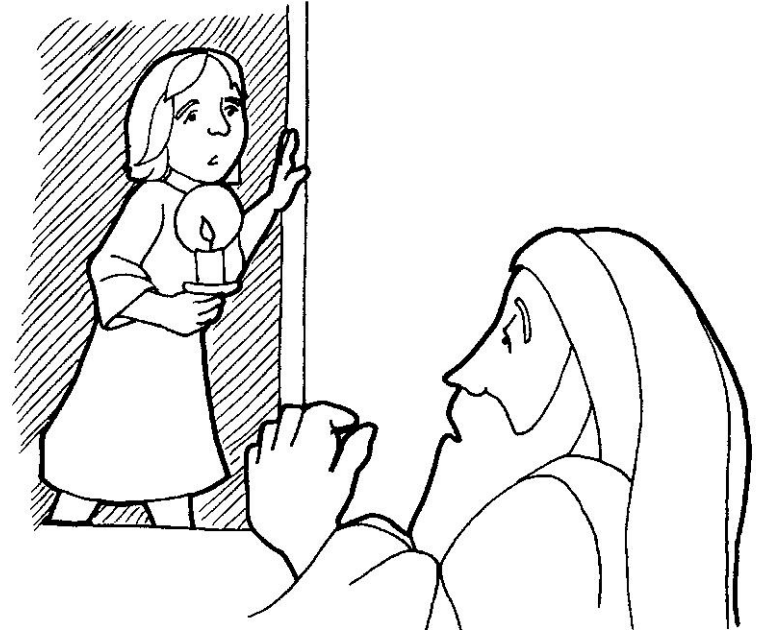
## Bible Story Rhyme

**Samuel, Samuel slept one night,**  
*(Lay tilted head on hands as if sleeping)*

**In the temple; that's alright.**  
*(Make the “O.K.” sign)*

**Awakened by the Lord's own voice,**  
*(Place fists next to eyes and open fingers)*

**Helping God was Samuel's choice.**  
*(Point to heaven)*



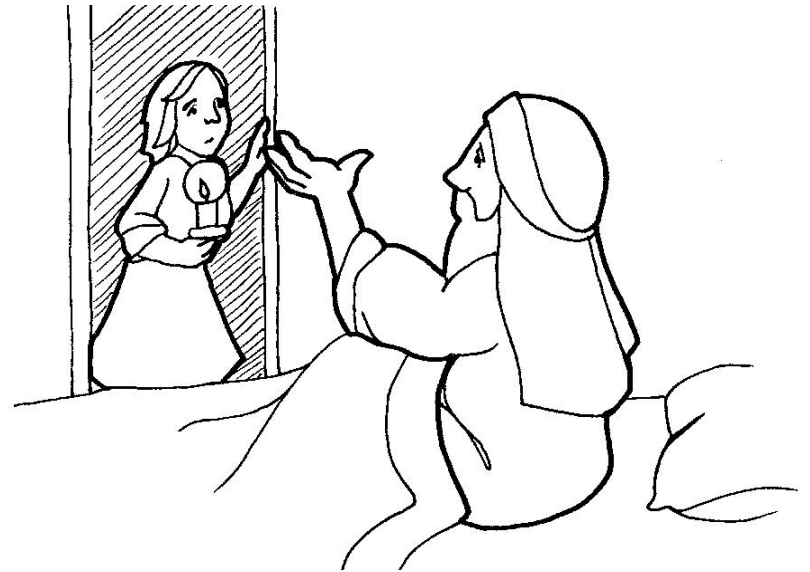
Samuel asked Eli if it was him who was speaking. Eli said, “No.”

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

***“Dear Jesus,***

***Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”***



Samuel heard a voice calling to him again. He ran back to Eli. It was not Eli calling to him.

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