

Unit 1. Children of the Bible - OT

Lesson 1.7: Samuel the Obedient

Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

Bible Story:

The story written in this lesson you can find in 1 Samuel 1:19 - 3:18

Activities:

**Implement based on available time. Detailed instructions and materials list are provided in the lesson.*

Activity : Listening Ears Headband

Words of the Week:

ծառայ - dza-ra - servant

լսել - luh-sel - to listen

երեխայ - ye-re-kha - child

Objective

Children will understand that God speaks to hearts that are ready to listen, and that true obedience begins with listening to God and doing what He says.

Moral Character Focus:

Knowledge: Children will learn that Samuel was given to God by his mother Hannah, that he served in God's house with Eli, and that God called Samuel by name at night.

Understanding: Children will recognize that God still speaks to us through prayer, Scripture, and the Church, and that we show love by listening and obeying.

Application: Children will identify practical ways to listen and obey today by being quiet and attentive in prayer, by honoring parents and teachers, and by doing what is right even when it is hard.

Values: Children will develop a desire to say, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening," and to live with a gentle, obedient heart.

Memory Verse:

"Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening."

- 1 Samuel 3:9

Lesson

Lesson Opening & Creating Interest:

Open with prayer:

Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

Lesson Body: Samuel the Obedient

In the land of Israel, there lived a woman named Hannah who longed for a child. She prayed with tears and promised the Lord that if He gave her a son, she would dedicate that son's life to serving God and doing everything for His glory. God heard Hannah's prayer and gave her a precious baby boy. She named him Samuel, which means God heard.

Hannah enjoyed being Samuel's mom as long as it was possible, and when the time came, and Samuel was still young but a very responsible boy, Hannah brought him to the house of God in Shiloh. There Samuel lived and served the Lord under the care of the priest Eli. Eli was very grateful. God saw that Hannah kept her promise, and He blessed her with more children.

Each year, his mother and father visited and brought him a small robe that his mother had lovingly made. Year after year, Samuel helped open the doors, trimmed the lamps, and learned to be quiet in God's holy place. He had never heard God's voice, but his heart was ready to listen.

One night, the lamp of God was still burning, and the house was still and quiet. Samuel lay down to sleep near the holy place where the Ark of God was kept. Suddenly, a voice called his name.

"Samuel."

Samuel sat up. He thought Eli was calling. He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you, my son," Eli said kindly. "Go and lie down again."

Samuel returned to his bed. Again the voice came.

"Samuel."

He ran to Eli once more. "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

A third time the voice called.

"Samuel."

Samuel hurried to Eli again. Then Eli understood. It was the Lord who was calling the boy. Eli said, "Go, lie down, and get your rest. It is God that's calling you. If He calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.'"

Samuel went back to bed and waited. The Lord came and stood near, calling as before.

"Samuel. Samuel."

This time, Samuel knew, and his heart was full of courage and love. He said, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening."

God spoke to Samuel and gave him a message to share. This message was about Eli's house and the huge disappointments his sons caused, and that God is very upset and wants to punish them. This was a big and a difficult message for Samuel. In the morning, even though he was worried, Samuel opened the doors of the house of the Lord as he always did. Then Eli called him. He was curious to know what God told Samuel. Samuel told Eli the truth of what God had said. Samuel was worried that Eli would be upset after hearing what God told him. Instead, Eli listened quietly and said, "It is the Lord. Let Him do what is good in His eyes."

Samuel kept listening to God and delivering His messages. As he grew, God was with him, and all the people knew that Samuel was God's faithful prophet. Samuel learned that real obedience begins with listening to the Lord and doing what He says.

Video Lesson: [Samuel - Little Bible Heroes animated children's stories](#)

Bible Verse Game to Remember

“Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:9)

“Speak, Lord” — hand to mouth, then point up.

“for Your servant” — hand on heart, small bow.

“is listening” — cup hands to ears.

Practice whisper, normal, joyful, and eyes closed.

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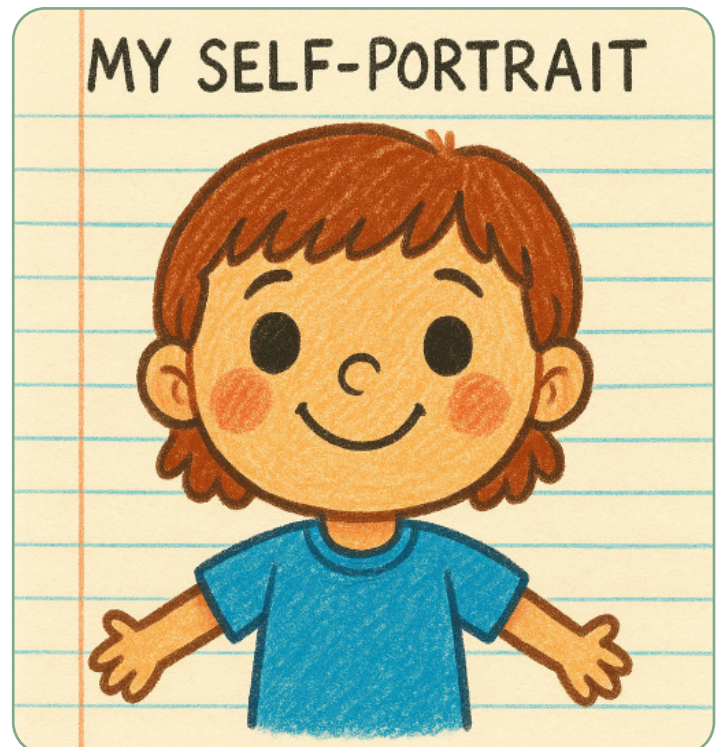
Materials: paper strips, crayons, scissors,
tape or stapler

Instructions:

1. Children draw and cut two big ears and color them.
2. Attach to a paper strip to make a headband.
3. Write on the band: Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.

Connection and reminder:

We use our ears and our hearts to listen to God and to those He gives us.



Coloring Activity: Samuel the Obedient

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Review

Memory Verse Review:

“Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:9)

Lesson Review:

1. Who gave Samuel to the Lord and why? (*His mother Hannah gave him to serve God because God answered her prayer*)
2. Where did Samuel live and what did he do? (*He lived in God’s house at Shiloh and helped Eli by serving and caring for the holy place*)
3. Who called Samuel in the night? (*The Lord called him by name*)
4. What did Eli teach Samuel to say? (*“Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening”*)
5. How can we listen to God today? (*By being quiet in prayer, hearing Scripture, and obeying what we learn*)

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Life Application:

What are we going to do with what we have learned today?

Samuel shows us that God speaks to children who are ready to listen. We listen when we are quiet in prayer, when we hear Scripture, and when we obey parents and teachers. When you feel a gentle nudge to do what is right, answer like Samuel. Say, “*Speak, Lord, I am listening,*” then do the good thing God is showing you. Obedience brings peace and joy because it is our way of loving God.

Close with prayer:

O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.