

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Samuel in the Tabernacle

1 SAMUEL 1:24-28; 2:18-26; 3

A woman named Hannah prayed to have a child, and God answered her prayer! Hannah had a son, and she named him Samuel. Hannah kept the promise she made to God before Samuel was born. When Samuel was old enough, she took him to the tabernacle and dedicated him to the Lord. She told the priest, Eli, "For as long as he lives, he belongs to the Lord."



Samuel grew and helped Eli at the tabernacle. During that time, messages from God were rare, but one night Samuel heard a voice calling his name. Samuel ran to Eli. "Here I am! Did you call me?" Samuel said.

Eli said, "I didn't call. Go back and lie down." Two more times Samuel heard God's voice. Two more times he ran to Eli. Finally, Eli understood. He told Samuel, "The next time you hear the voice, say 'Speak, Lord! Your servant is listening.'"

Samuel did exactly what Eli said. God told Samuel that Eli's sons had done bad things. God was planning to punish Eli and all of Eli's family because of the evil things Eli's sons had done.

Samuel went back to bed and slept until morning. He did not want to tell Eli about God's message. When Eli wanted to hear what God had said, Samuel was brave and told Eli the truth.

God continued to give His messages for the people to Samuel. God was with Samuel, and Samuel served God. All of the people knew that Samuel was God's prophet.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 32:8

LIFE POINT: The church listens and learns from God.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that the church listens and learns from God. Samuel listened to God and learned what God was planning to do, just as we should listen and learn from God today.

LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story with your child. Make a list of ways people can listen to God today. Remind your child that God speaks through the Bible, through prayer, and through listening to Bible teaching.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

A church is a group of Christians who meet together to worship and serve God.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 32:8

Monday: John 8:47

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 32:1

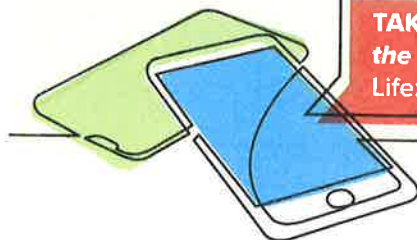
Wednesday: Romans 10:17

Thursday: Proverbs 19:20

Friday: Luke 11:28

Saturday: Psalm 24:4

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Samuel in the Tabernacle* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



UNIT VERSE
 Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
 PSALM 95:6 (CSB)

Ways God Speaks



So, how do you know what God wants you to do? Unscramble the letters to discover some of the ways God speaks to people. Look up the verses to check your work.

Through **IHS DROW**
 2 Timothy 3:16

Through the life of **EJSSU**
 Hebrews 1:1-2

Through **EHORT ACHIINRSST**
 Acts 1:8

In **AEP RRY**
 Jeremiah 33:3

Through **ACEINORT**
 Romans 1:19-20



Learning to Listen

The church is more than a building. It is a group of Christians who meet together to pray, to tell other people about Jesus, to worship God, to learn from the Bible, to meet the needs of others, and to encourage one another.

What have you learned at church? In the space below, draw a picture to show something you learned today. Tell a friend about your picture.

