

Monday 9th November

RE: The calling of Samuel

Today, we will be learning about the calling of Samuel. This story can be found in the Old Testament in the Book of Samuel. It is a story all about a young boy who listened and responded to the call of God.

If you have a Bible at home, you might like to read the story in there or read it on the next few pages.

There are some activities to work through afterwards.



Read through the story carefully:

Samuel loved God and loved to help Eli, the High Priest. Eli was old and almost blind so Samuel often stayed near Eli in case he needed something. The people of Israel noticed how Samuel always tried to do and say the right things. Eli was very proud of Samuel.

One night Samuel was lying down. All of a sudden, Samuel heard a voice calling his name. Samuel quickly got up and ran to Eli's room.

Samuel woke Eli up and said, "Here I am, Eli, you called me."

"I didn't call you, Samuel, go back and lie down," answered Eli.

Samuel went back and lay down again.



A little while later he heard the voice again. "Samuel!" the voice said. Samuel got up and ran to Eli again. "Here I am, Eli, you called me." Again, Eli sent him back. Samuel heard the voice one more time. "What was going on here?" Samuel thought to himself. Once again he ran to Eli's bedside. This time Eli began to understand that something special was happening. This was not just any voice. This must be the voice of the Lord. "Samuel," Eli said, "go back and lay down. When you hear the voice again, say: 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'"

Samuel went back and laid down. Again the voice called his name, "Samuel, Samuel!" This time Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."



Now the Lord began to speak to Samuel. He told him that Eli's sons would not be the next High Priests. They were too wicked and they did not love the Lord.

After that first night, the Lord came and spoke to Samuel often. Samuel always listened carefully when the Lord spoke to him. As Samuel grew up, he learned more and more about what the Lord wanted him to do. Samuel told many people how to love and obey God. The people of Israel always listened to Samuel because his words were wise and they were from the Lord.



In the story, we learn about Samuel. He listened to the voice of God who was calling him to do something special with his life.

After reading/ listening/ watching the story, answer these questions



1. What sort of boy do you think Samuel was?
2. How do you think Samuel felt when he kept hearing his name being called?
3. Can you give any reasons why Eli kept telling Samuel to go back to sleep?
4. If you had been Samuel, what thoughts would you have had if you had heard the voice?



Remember you can just copy the questions and answer them on your paper 😊

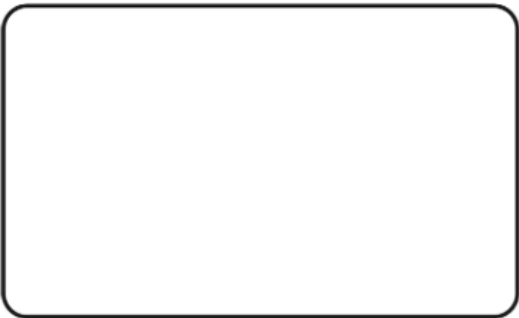
Your task: Think about the main events of the story, make a story board/ comic strip of the story.

On the lines, write a sentence about the different events in the story. In the big box, draw a picture to show each event.

Use my example below to help you and the template on the next page. Remember you can just draw the pictures and write the sentences into your book too 😊



1. One night, Samuel
was sleeping
peacefully in bed.





2. All of a sudden,
he heard a voice
calling his name.





3. He ran to Eli but Eli
told him to go back
to bed.



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CHALLENGE

What is God calling us to do today?



Top tip: Think about how we can follow Jesus' footsteps in our lives today.