

1 Samuel 3:1–4:1



## The Story

Little Samuel was asleep. God said his name.

Samuel thought his teacher, Eli, had called him.

Eli told Samuel that it was not he, and when he heard the voice again, Samuel should say, “Lord, I am listening.”

*Let’s say that together: “Lord, I am listening.”*

Samuel listened to God his whole life. When he grew up, he spent his time telling people about God.

*Eli helped Samuel listen to God. Name someone who helps you listen to God.*

## Family Time

### Listen

Go outside and listen for sounds. Let your child identify the sounds, if possible. When you go back inside, try to remember all of the sounds you heard. Look through old magazines for pictures that match the sounds you heard. Cut out the pictures, and tape or glue them onto sheets of paper. See if your child can imitate the sounds when reminded by the pictures.

## Action Song

### Samuel

This song is about the blessing Samuel was to Hannah. Sing this song with your child to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

*(Pretend to rock a baby through the verse.)*

Samuel was a gift from God,  
gift from God,  
gift from God.

Samuel was a gift from God;  
Hannah was so blessed.

*(Clap through the verse and put your hands together in prayer for the last line.)*

Samuel was a special boy,  
special boy,  
special boy.  
Samuel was a special boy,  
and he served the Lord.

*(Put your hands over your heart, and open your arms on the last line.)*

Samuel loved God all his life,  
all his life,  
all his life.  
Samuel loved God all his life,  
and you can love God, too.

*(Clap through the verse and hug your child on the last line.)*

*(Your child’s name)* is a special *(boy or girl)*,  
special *(boy or girl)*,  
special *(boy or girl)*.  
*(Your child’s name)* is a special *(boy or girl)*.  
You are a gift from God.

## PRAY

### Praying Together

Dear God, we love you very much. We want to do the things you want us to do. Help us to love you and love one another. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer

God is great. God is good. Let us thank God for our food. Amen.