

Samuel Story Script

Read the story script aloud to the kids. When you reach the parts that are in bold and underlined, say it through the megaphone with emphasis. The kids should act out the parts in bold & underlined.

Samuel's mom, Hannah, didn't think she could ever have a baby. But after she prayed for many years, God gave her a son, Samuel! Hannah was so grateful, she dedicated Samuel to God. When he was older, she sent him to learn how to serve God in the Tabernacle with a priest named Eli, who was an old man.

Now, Samuel **worked in the Tabernacle**. But he really didn't know God yet. And he certainly hadn't heard from God.

One night, while Samuel was **lying down to sleep**, he heard a voice call his name: "Samuel!"

It was the voice of the Lord! But Samuel thought he was just hearing Eli, so he **ran to the place where the priest was sleeping** and said—

1 Samuel 3:5-6, 8

"Here I am. You called out to me."

But Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down." **So he went and lay down.**

Again, the Lord called out, "Samuel!" Samuel **got up** and went to Eli. He said, "Here I am. You called out to me."

"My son," Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down." So Samuel went back to bed and lay down again.

The Lord called out for the third time. He said, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli. He said, "Here I am. You called out to me."

You can imagine that both Samuel and Eli were pretty frustrated by this point. But after the third time, Eli finally understood. Samuel was hearing the voice of God!

1 Samuel 3:9

So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down. If someone calls out to you again, say, 'Speak, Lord. I'm listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

This time, the Lord actually came and stood right by Samuel!

1 Samuel 3:10

He said, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel replied, "Speak. I'm listening."

At last, Samuel understood that the voice he heard was God. God gave Samuel a message for Eli. Eli's sons had been doing terrible things against God. But Eli didn't stop them! So God said that Eli's family would face serious consequences.

Samuel probably didn't sleep well that night. He didn't want to give Eli the bad news! But in the morning, Samuel told Eli all that God had said.

Actors, take a bow.



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