

SAMUEL SAMUEL



WEEK 4 1 Samuel 3:1-10



Prepare: Search the internet for some sounds /sound effects you can play. Examples include leaves rustling, knocking on door, horse galloping, wind blowing, frog croaking, eating, etc)

Have the sit and listen while you play each sound. They have to correctly guess the sound that they hear. Person with most points win!

Did you like the game? How many were you able to get right? Some sounds are easy to guess while we may need a little more imagination with others. Our story today is about a boy who heard a voice but he wasn't sure to whom it belonged to.



1 Samuel 3: 1-10

1 The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. 2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." 5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

6 Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

8 A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Lord called Samuel when he was just a boy, even though Samuel did not yet know who God is. But God knew His name and who he was. Just like Samuel, God knows you whether you are old or young. He will call you. It may not be in an audible voice the way He called Samuel. So, you may wonder how then can we hear God's voice? We can hear the voice of God through prayer and by reading His word, which is the Bible.

Parents or grown ups also play a significant role in getting a child to know about God. When Eli perceived that it was God who was calling Samuel, he guided Samuel on what to do and say. As parents, we should guide our kids in knowing who God is, to fulfill His purpose.



**Parent to Kid/s:
2-6 years old**

- What do you feel when Mom or Dad calls your name? How do you respond?

7-12 years old

- Can you share an experience when you heard someone calling your name but you didn't know who it was? What happened?
- Was there a time when you did not respond to someone calling your name? Why?
- Do you get easily irritated when your parents call you over and over again? Why?

Kid/s to Parent:

- What do you feel when we (the kids) wake you up in the middle of the night? What makes you get out of bed when we call you? How do you respond when we call you a lot of times?

It is not easy to respond when your name is being called. Sometimes, we just answer in the comfort of our space and do not go or even look at the person who is calling us. It may be that we don't like the person or we're too lazy to do whatever it is they need us to do. The same goes with some of our responses to God. We know that it is God who is calling us but we do not heed the call because we don't like to listen and follow.

But we must remember that God calls us because he loves us. And when we answer, he will show his plans for our lives and fulfill his promise. And we in turn, can share it with others.



Dear God, thank You that You know each one of us and know us by our name. We may be young or old in age but You call us into Your plan. Holy Spirit, lead us as You call us into your purpose. Make our family help each other in answering your call and plans for our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen



There are only 8 people in the Bible whom God called by name twice?

We have learned about 4 of them in our series, Double Calls. The other four are:

Martha (Luke 10:41)
Simon (Luke 22:31)
God (Matthew 27:45)
Saul (Acts 9:4)

Today, people do not normally hear God's audible voice but God still calls us. He gives us the choice to respond or not. Will you respond to His call?

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