

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.

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CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus is the only source of sure hope.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: People place their hope in a variety of things: continued good health, a future spouse and family, a better job or career advancement, and so forth. But all such hopes are not guaranteed and often crumble in the face of circumstances and unplanned events. No one is exempt from life's difficulties and tragedies, but the Christian's hope in Jesus Christ enables him or her to rise above all life's circumstances.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 2:18-26; 3

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Read aloud the Weekly Verse from the Bible: "I will teach you the way to go. Psalm 32:8." Help your child name things she learns about God at church.

Hannah prayed for a baby at the tent church in Shiloh. Hannah told Eli, the church helped what she prayed for. Later she had a baby boy named Samuel.

When Samuel was still a little boy, his mother took him to the tent church in Shiloh. Hannah reminded Eli how she had prayed and asked God for a baby.

Hannah told Eli that she wanted Samuel to be his helper at church. She wanted Eli to teach Samuel about serving God at church and doing the things God wanted him to do. Eli taught Samuel to listen to God. Samuel learned to listen for God's words.

Samuel grew taller and learned more about God. God told Samuel what He was going to do. People listened to what Samuel said. They knew that Samuel loved God and listened to God's words.

KIDS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 2:18-26; 3

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. List ways people listen to God today. Remind your child that God speaks through the Bible, through prayer, and through listening to Bible teaching.

Samuel's mother took him to live at the temple. She told Eli, "I prayed for a son. God gave me this boy. Now I give him to God."

Samuel lived and helped in the temple. Every year his mother brought him a new robe.

One night when Samuel was lying down in the temple, he heard, "Samuel." Samuel ran to Eli. "Here I am," he said.

On the third time Samuel heard his name, Eli said, "Lie down. If you hear the voice again, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

Samuel again heard "Samuel." Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

God told Samuel what was about to happen. Samuel told Eli everything God said.

Samuel grew. God was pleased with him. All the people knew Samuel listened to God.

STUDENTS

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-9

- In your own words, how would you describe "hope"?
- How have you seen the world's hope fade or fail?
- What does it look like to rejoice in the midst of life's hardships?

Live It Out: Many people place their hope in things that can't deliver. God is the only One worthy and able to fulfill our hope. Our hope in Christ is displayed in our faith, and faith and hope are always connected. Our hope is secure because we are guarded by God's power through faith.

With your student, discuss where worldly people may be placing their hope. Make a list of neighbors and friends that may be placing their hope in the wrong things of the world, and consider how you can help your non-believing friends to understand the hope found in Jesus.