



God Speaks to Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-21



Bible Point: God wants us to listen and follow when he directs us.



Key Verse: "Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening'" (1 Samuel 3:10b).

Use the following activities to further the application of this week's lesson in the lives of your family members.

Discussion Starters

Preschoolers

- How do you know what God wants you to do?
- When do you talk to God? Does God talk to you?

Elementary Students

- How do you know what God wants you to do?
- Do you listen to God when he talks to you?

Youth

- How can you recognize God's direction in your life?
- How quickly do you respond to God's direction?

Talk Topics

- Talk about what it means to listen to the voice of God. Spend time listening to God whenever you pray together.
- Talk about what it means to be obedient to God. How do you know what God's will is? Books like *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby may be a good resource for this discussion.
- Talk about the life of Samuel. Samuel was only a young boy when he first heard God's voice. God does talk to and work through young people! Study the life of Samuel and how God used him when he was young and as he got older.

Through the Week

Use the following passages to explore additional biblical insights into being a true servant of God.

Monday—Psalm 32:8

Tuesday—Proverbs 6:22-23

Wednesday—Isaiah 30:21

Thursday—Proverbs 3:5-6

Friday—Matthew 6:6

Saturday—Psalm 91:14-15

Daily Challenge®

- Identify passages in the Bible that remind you how God guides us, whether from "Through the Week" or elsewhere in the Bible. Spend some time by yourself thinking about those passages and what they mean to you personally.
- What's one thing you really need to hear from God about right now? Commit to praying to God faithfully about it, asking him to give you a clear direction about that matter.
- Is there something God has been telling you to do but you haven't been sure about whether (or how) to do it? Trust God, and get started. Share with a friend how things are progressing as you're following God's leading.
- Play a game of Simon Says with your family this week, but be sure to include emotions in the directions. For example, you could say, "Simon says to jump on one foot cheerfully" or "Simon says to fall to the ground grumpily." After the game, talk about how people respond to the directions of others. Be sure to talk about different attitudes we have when we respond to God and how we *should* respond to God.