3PK

September 5-6, 2015	Samuel
DATE	LESSON TITLE
1 Samuel 3	God talks to us.
WHERE TO FIND IT	MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour: Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

As kids enter, have one volunteer be the designated “check in” person, while the other volunteer stays in the room and plays with kids. Invite kids to play with you if they’re shy, and make sure you call them by name!

check-in/out

Ask kids why they made a new nametag today; does God know their name? Does he want to speak to them? (Yes!)

large group heads up

Today’s story is about Samuel, and how God called him at an unlikely time. We all feel insufficient sometimes, but no matter where we are in life, God wants to speak to us!

CONNECT time

connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Say, "If you can hear my voice…"
  - Hop up and down
  - Touch your nose
  - Pat your head
  - Pat your belly
  - Give yourself a hug
  - Sit down
  - Stand up
  - Wiggle your whole body
  - Bend over and touch your toes
  - Reach up to the ceiling
  - Pretend to flap your wings
- If you have time, you can come up with as many actions as you want until it's time to go into Large Group!

As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!

SMALL group

instructions

Goal: To help kids (1) retell the story of Samuel and (2) understand that God speaks to us.

Why? No matter how old you are, God speaks to you! We want kids to know that God can speak to them too, even if they're only 3 or 4 years old!

Tip: Have you ever heard from God? Share it with the kids! Hearing a tangible example may help them grasp the concept better.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What two people did we learn about today? (Eli and Samuel)
2. When Samuel heard his name being called, who did he think it was at first? (Eli)
3. Who was really calling to Samuel? (God)
4. Does God want to speak us? (Yes!)
5. What can we do when God speaks to us? (Talk to him, listen to him, pray, etc.)

GOD KNOWS OUR NAME

**For this activity, make sure you have markers, paper rectangles, yarn, scissors, and a hole puncher.*

- Give each kid a **paper rectangle.** Lay **markers** out on tables.
- Tell kids to **write their name** on their nametag. It's okay if kids don't spell perfectly!
- **Say:** God said Samuel's name, and he knows our names too! He wants to speak to us, just like he spoke to Samuel.
- Encourage them to **decorate their paper nametags with markers.**
- As kids are working, make sure to **cut a piece of yarn for each kid** (they should be about a foot and a half long). When kids are done, use the **hole puncher** to make a hole in the paper nametag, string the yarn through, and tie it off!

***Pray, asking God to speak us. Thank him for wanting to be close to us.**

BEFORE KIDS LEAVE SMALL GROUP, give each of them a ***Kids' Club sticker*** to wear home. Tell them that they can watch videos with their family or friends at home. They just need to show their sticker to their parents, so they can visit the website!

Extra time? *Have kids do a coloring page. After that, have kids sit in a circle on the floor, and play the Telephone game! Tell kids that you're going to whisper something in your neighbor's ear, and then that person has to whisper it to the next person, and so and so forth! It will get silly with kids this young, so don't worry about the correct thing being whispered!*

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special notes

God speaks to each of us, and today's story can help kids believe that no matter how old you are, God wants to speak to you! Think of a time when you feel God said something to you. Maybe it was a thought, a picture or an encouragement. Either way, share it with kids to make it real to them!

presenter tips

There's a lot of physical action in today's story! You'll be standing up, laying down, standing up, and laying down again! This is all to help make the story more tangible to kids and keep their focus, since we don't have a video to show.

script

Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS Obey Your Leaders *(about 1 minute)*

(Holding up the Bible for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible".) That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan.

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. And it was all GOOD. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)

But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—could be close to God again! Do you know who the rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!) That's right! Jesus!

INTRO: SAMUEL
Today we're going to learn about someone named Samuel. Can you say Samuel? (Let kids respond.) Good job! He lived with a man named Eli. Can you say Eli? (Let kids respond.) Awesome! Samuel lived with Eli, and Eli took care of him. He taught Samuel how to obey God!

One night, Samuel was sleeping. **(Click to play starry sky loop).** Can you all pretend to be asleep with me? (Let kids respond as you lay down on the stage and pretend to sleep for a few

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seconds.)

"Samuel!" (Say "Samuel" in a deep voice, holding the mic close to your mouth.) Someone called Samuel's name! **(Click to play daytime loop).** He woke up and thought it was Eli who said his name, so he ran into Eli's room and said "Here I am!" (Stand up and run to the opposite side of the stage area.) Everybody say, "Here I am!" (Let kids repeat.) Good job!

Eli was still sleeping. So when Samuel woke him up, he said "I didn't call you! Go back to bed." So Samuel went back to sleep. Let's all pretend to be asleep again. (Walk back to the other side of the stage and lay down.) **(Click to play starry sky loop).**

"Samuel!" (Say "Samuel" again in a deep voice, and pretend to be startled when you "wake up") Someone called Samuel's AGAIN. So Samuel got up, and went to Eli's room. (Run back to opposite side of the stage area.) He said, "Here I am!" Everybody say, 'Here I am!" (Let kids repeat.) **(Click to play daytime loop).**

But guess what? Eli said, "I didn't call your name, Samuel! Go back to bed!" So Samuel went back to bed. (Go back to other side of the stage, and lay down to "sleep".) **(Click to play starry sky loop).**

"Samuel!" (Say "Samuel" again in a deep voice, and "wake up".) Samuel heard his name AGAIN! So one more time, he ran to Eli's room and said "Here I am!" Let's all say that together one more time! (Repeat, "Here I am!" with kids.) **(Click to play daytime loop).**

This time, Eli knew who was really calling Samuel's name. He realized that is was GOD calling to Samuel! Eli told Samuel to go back to bed, and if God called to him again, he should say this: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." That means that you're ready to listen to God!

So Samuel went back to bed one more time. Let's all pretend to go to sleep. (Let kids respond, and lay down on the stage area one more time.)

"Samuel! Samuel!" (Say "Samuel" again in a deep voice.) God called Samuel's name again! And this time, Samuel knew what to do. He said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening!" That means that Samuel was ready to talk to God. So God spoke to him! He wanted to tell Samuel about some of the special things he was going to do for his family, the Israelites. Give me a big thumbs up.

Guess what? God wants to speak to us too! He wants to speak to every one of you, and he even knows your name! (Point to kids.) Give me a thumbs up if that makes you happy? (Let kids respond.) It makes me happy too, because God loves us so much, that he wants to talk with us, and be close to us! Raise your hand in the air if you want to be close to God? (Let kids respond.) Me too. Let's pray right now, and tell God how glad we are that he wants to speak to us.

PRAY (Break it down into small, repeatable phrases)
Dear God. We love you. We're so glad you want to talk to us. A-men!

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WORSHIP
One way we can speak with God is be worshipping him! We can sing songs to him to tell him how much we love him. Everybody stand up and let's sing and dance!

Song: Whole Wide Word
Song: Jesus Loves Me
Song: Be Strong (extra song if you have time left over)

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)

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name

PREP needs

connect time supplies

Per kid: none

small group supplies

Per kid: 1 colored cardstock paper rectangle (4.25x5.5)
One 1.5ft piece of yarn (or ball of yarn per room)

Per group: Markers, scissors, Bible
Per room: Hole puncher

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Obey Your Leaders!
3. Video: Stars loop
4. Video: Blue sky loop
5. Video: Stars loop
6. Video: Blue sky loop
7. Video: Stars loop
8. Video: Blue sky loop
9. Music Video: Whole Wide World (animated version)(https://vimeo.com/75339448)
10. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (hand motions)
11. Song: Be Strong

connect questions

Who was Samuel?
Who called Samuel's name?

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