



#### **NEED TO KNOW**

• **Tip:** Sometimes talking *quietly* can have just as big of an impact as talking loudly! Use your voice in different tones to help communicate different emotions within the story.

#### FREE PLAY | 15 Minutes

• Check kids into the room and personally connect with them through free play.

#### **GET READY | 5 Minutes**

- Clean up and introduce the big idea: God talks to us!
- Do motions to help remember today's story: Samuel

#### LARGE GROUP | 20 Minutes

- Reinforce today's big idea and tell the story with a video and physical motions.
- Pray and worship.
- Scripture: **1 Samuel 3**

#### **CONNECT TIME | 15+ Minutes**

- Retell the story and ask questions.
- Personally connect with kids as they eat a snack.
- Understand and retell the story with a craft!

#### CLEAN UP TIME | 1 Minute

- **Begin clean up about 15 minutes into service.** The presenter will give you a 5 minute warning before Large Group starts.
- **Say:** It's clean up time! Let's all clean up as FAST we can while I count down from 10 to 1. Ready, set....go!
- Slowly countdown from 10 to 1 until kids have cleaned up toys. Then circle up on the floor, or line up at the door.

#### THE BIG IDEA | 1 Minute

- Say: Today we'll see how God takes care of us! Say these words after me: <u>God talks to us!</u>
- Lead kids and repeat the big idea as they do the corresponding motions shown here.





Talks

To Us



#### TELL THE STORY | 5 Minutes

#### Practice LISTENING to help set up today's story.

- Say this phrase before each of the following silly actions: "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

**Transition to Large Group:** Now let's get ready to hear about how this story in Large Group! Line up at the door, and let's go sit on the big carpet.

#### WELCOME AND H.O.P.S. | 5 Minutes

- **Say:** Hey everyone, I'm so glad to see you! Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to show us how we can act in Kids' Club!
- <u>Video: HOPS Have fun!</u>
- **Say:** Does everyone have your listening ears on tight? Then let's get started!

#### **REVIEW GOD'S STORY | 5 Minutes**



• **(Hold up the** *Bible.) This* is God's story. Out of ALL the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (The Bible!) It's God's Rescue plan! It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.



• (Make a big round "world" with your arms) In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it, and it was GOOD. Let's all say, "It was good!"

- (Pretend to swim in the water) God made all the water in the oceans, and rivers, and lakes. Let's pretend to swim in the water!
- **(Pat the "dirt" on the ground)** God made all the dirt and trees and flowers. Let's pat the ground and feel the dirt in our hands! Now put your arms up and be a tree!



• **(Hold up two fingers)** Then God made two people: Adam and Eve. They got to live in a beautiful garden, and walk and talk with God. And it was GOOD.



- **(Make a "ssss" sound and pretend to be a snake)** But THEN, something very, VERY sad happened. A snake tricked Adam and Eve, and they disobeyed God. Then, all the wrong things came into the world, like sickness, and sadness and death. Show me your sad face.
- (Put your hands on your heart) 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!)

#### WORSHIP | 5 Minutes

• **Say:** Let's celebrate that Jesus loves us so much by worshipping him! That means we sing and dance and tell him how much we love him. Everybody stand up and sing as loud as you can!



- Music Video: Robot Rock
- Music Video: Let All That I Am Praise the Lord
- **Say:** Great job everyone! Now let's all sit down and put our hands on our laps. Reach your hands to the sky! Now Pat your hands on the ground. Great job! Now let's hear about today's special story!

CONNECT TIME

#### THE BIG IDEA | 1 Minute







- **Say:** Today we'll see how we can obey God! Say these words and do these motions with me: **God talks to us!**
- Now let's all <u>whisper</u> "God talks to us!" Ready? 1, 2, 3...(let kids whisper and do motions)
- Now let's all <u>shout</u>, "God talks to us!" Ready? 1, 2, 3...(let kids shout and do motions)

#### **TELL THE STORY | 10 Minutes**

- **Say:** Today we'll learn about a boy named Samuel. **Let's say, "Samuel."** Samuel lived with a man named Eli. Eli was teaching Samuel to follow God!
- (Play nighttime loop.) One night, Samuel went to bed. Let's all pretend like we're sleeping.
- **Say:** Then God called to Samuel! He said (Use a deep voice in your microphone.) *"Samuel*!" **Let's say, "Samuel!"**
- **Say:** Samuel thought Eli was calling to him! So he got up (spring up), went running to Eli's room (pretend to run), and said, "*Here I am*!" **Let's say, "Here I am!**"
- **Say:** But guess what? Eli wasn't talking to him, so he told Samuel to go back to bed. So Samuel went back to bed. **Let's pretend to sleep again.**
- A second time, God called out to Samuel and said (Use a deep voice in your microphone.) "Samuel." Let's say, "Samuel!"
- **Say:** Again, Samuel thought Eli was calling to him! So he got up (spring up), went running to Eli's room (pretend to run), and said, "*Here I am*!" But like last time, Eli said "*I wasn't calling you...go back to bed*!"
- **Say:** Let's watch a video, and see what happens when Samuel hears God call his name AGAIN! As you watch, pay attention to WHO is calling Samuel's name.
- <u>Video: Slapstick Theater / Samuel and Eli</u>
- Ask: Did God speak to Samuel? Yes! And did Samuel listen? Yes! When Samuel realized it was God saying his name, he put on his listening ears, just like we do, and he listened to God! <u>Remember, God talks to us!</u>

#### PRAY AND WORSHIP | 5 Minutes



• **Say:** Now it's time to pray to God. When we pray, that means we talk to him, and he actually LISTENS to us, and hears our words! So let's talk to God right now. Close your eyes, and say these words after me.



Pray: Dear God. We love you. Please speak to us. We want to listen! Aaaaa-men!

**Set up worship:** Let's show God how thankful we are by worshipping him! Everybody stand up, and get ready to sing and dance!

Music Video: Come With Me

**Transition to Connect Time:** Now we're going to go do story time in our rooms. Tip toe like a quiet little mouse and line up by your leader!

#### SUPPLIES

- Markers/crayons
- Tape
- Popsicle sticks (2 per kid)
- Samuel image (1 per kid)
- Eli image (1 per kid)

#### STORY TIME | 5 minutes

Have kids sit in a circle on the carpet. One volunteer can discuss the story with kids, while another volunteer prepares the snack.

#### Tell the story (tell the following story points, and guide kids in doing the motions)

- Samuel grew up with Eli. Eli taught Samuel how to follow God. March in place.
- Samuel had never heard God speak to him. Put hand by ear; Make sad face.
- God woke Samuel up 3 times! <u>Pretend to sleep on floor; wake up when you hear "Samuel".</u> <u>Repeat 3 times.</u>
- Samuel thought it was Eli calling him, but it wasn't! Shake your head.
- God woke Samuel again and Samuel did what Eli told him. God talked to Samuel. Say: Yay! God!
- Can God talk to you? Yes!
- Can you listen to God, and obey what he tells you? Yes!
- <u>Remember: God talks to us!</u>

#### SNACK TIME | 5 minutes



- **Pass out graham crackers or goldfish, and let kids eat at tables.** This is a time to personally connect with kids and find out about their day, not just focusing on the story.
- Ask things like: What did you do today? Who brought you to Kids' Club? What's your favorite (blank)?

#### **CREATE AND PLAY | 10+ Minutes**

#### Let's make Samuel and Eli puppets!

- Give each kid **2 popsicle sticks, an Eli image, and a Samuel image.**
- Have each kid color the images and **tape** them on the sticks.
- Say: Now we are going to act out how God talked to Samuel!
  - Say: Eli and Samuel were sleeping. Puppets sleep.
  - Say: God called out to Samuel. Say, "Samuel" (deep voice)
  - Say: Samuel woke up and went to Eli. <u>Puppet says: Yes, Eli?</u>
  - Say: Eli told Samuel to go back to bed. Puppet says: Go back to bed
  - <u>Repeat 3 times</u>
  - When Samuel realized GOD was talking, he listened! <u>Puppets dance</u>
- Keep kids engaged until parent pick up by giving them a **coloring sheet or activity sheet** to work on!

### LESSON NEEOS Joe

#### connect questions

Big Idea: Tell me about Samuel. How can we listen to God?

#### lesson supplies

GET READY   Played in one large group					
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by		
None					

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LARGE GROUP			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Jesus Storybook Bible	1 per large group, reused	BiblesbytheCase.com	site

CONNECT TIME			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Coloring sheet - Samuel	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 7	site
Activity sheet	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 8	site
Markers or Crayons	Quantity determined by site		site
Scotch tape	1 roll per room, reused		site
Popsicle sticks	2 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC National
Samuel Image	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, black & white, cut into sixths, Page 9	site
Eli image	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, black & white, cut into sixths, Page 10	site

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Tell me about Samuel. Who spoke to Samuel while he slept? You can read more about this story in 1 Samuel 3.

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# A/V Preschool Needs

- 1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
- 2. <u>Video: HOPS Have fun!</u>
- 3. <u>Music Video: Robot Rock</u>
- 4. Music Video: Let All That I Am Praise the Lord
- 5. <u>Nightime Loop</u>
- 6. <u>Video: Slapstick Theater / Samuel and Eli</u>
- 7. <u>Music Video: Come With Me</u>