



## Samuel - Here I Am!

1 Samuel 3:1-18

Samuel was a very young boy who had grown up in the temple, working for the priest Eli. One night he heard someone calling his name. Thinking it was Eli, he ran into Eli's room, but each time Eli said "I did not call..." and told Samuel to go back to sleep. Finally, Eli figured out that it was God speaking and told Samuel how to respond. God trusted Samuel with important information, even though Samuel was young.



## Badge of Bravery

Rank these tasks in order of what requires the most bravery, with "1" being the least brave and "10" being the bravest. How did you choose?

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| _____ catching a fly ball                     | _____ getting your hair cut in a new style        |
| _____ rescuing a kitten from a tree           | _____ telling friends at school about church      |
| _____ putting out a fire                      | _____ turning in a wallet you found on the street |
| _____ sharing your lunch with someone         | _____ being nice to someone you don't know        |
| _____ sticking up for someone being picked on | _____ wearing a fancy outfit on picture day       |

## Between Church and Home

- Make a list of all the ways (such as television) that your family receives information. Which of those ways would be the easiest to give up for a week? Which would be most difficult?

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- Start a sticky note board on your fridge, where you write thank-you notes to each other.
- Be a good listener. Take the time each day to ask each person you meet a nice question and listen to their response. Take the time each day to read God's word and truly listen to God speaking to you through His Word the Bible.
- Turn off all the noise in your home – the TV, radio, phones, computers, or anything else that makes a sound that you are able to shut off. Shut them off for 15 minutes. Ask your family to sit together and just listen to the silence without talking. When the 15 minutes are up, talk about how it felt to be without noise. Did it feel calm or scary? Was it difficult not to talk? What sounds did you hear during the silence? How can we use this activity to HEAR God better?