

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

God Calls Samuel

from 1 Samuel 3:1-20.

People of all ages help God.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Samuel
- Eli
- Temple
- God
- Call

Samuel grew up to be the last judge in Israel. He anointed Israel's first and second kings, Saul and David.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 122-125

Spark Bible pages 299-300

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for using people of all ages to help you. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Whose voice do you recognize when they call your name?
- 2 Samuel went to live with Eli to learn about God. Who teaches you about God?
- 3 Why is it sometimes hard to listen to God?
- 4 Listen to different people's voices. What do you think God's voice sounds like? Could it sound like someone you know? Who?



Eye Spark

Whenever you see someone really old or really young, tell them, "You are the perfect age to help God."



Ear Spark

When someone calls your name, run to them saying, "Here I am!"

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Create a new bedtime routine for your family to do together or change an existing routine. What helps you sleep well? A story? A snack? Prayers? A song? Listening to music? A bubble bath? Follow the routine for the rest of the week or month, remembering what happened to David the night God called him.

For younger kids

Reverse roles a little—have a child put their parent to bed this week!

For older kids

Make an audio or video recording with a variety of voices saying your name, including your own. How many different ones can you record? Which sound the most like God?

God Calls Samuel



Eli was getting tired of Samuel coming into his room.

New Words

See how many new words you can make by using the letters in these words from 1 Samuel 3:1-20.

samuel

emu

servant

save

listening

get

beginning

nine

ministering

ring

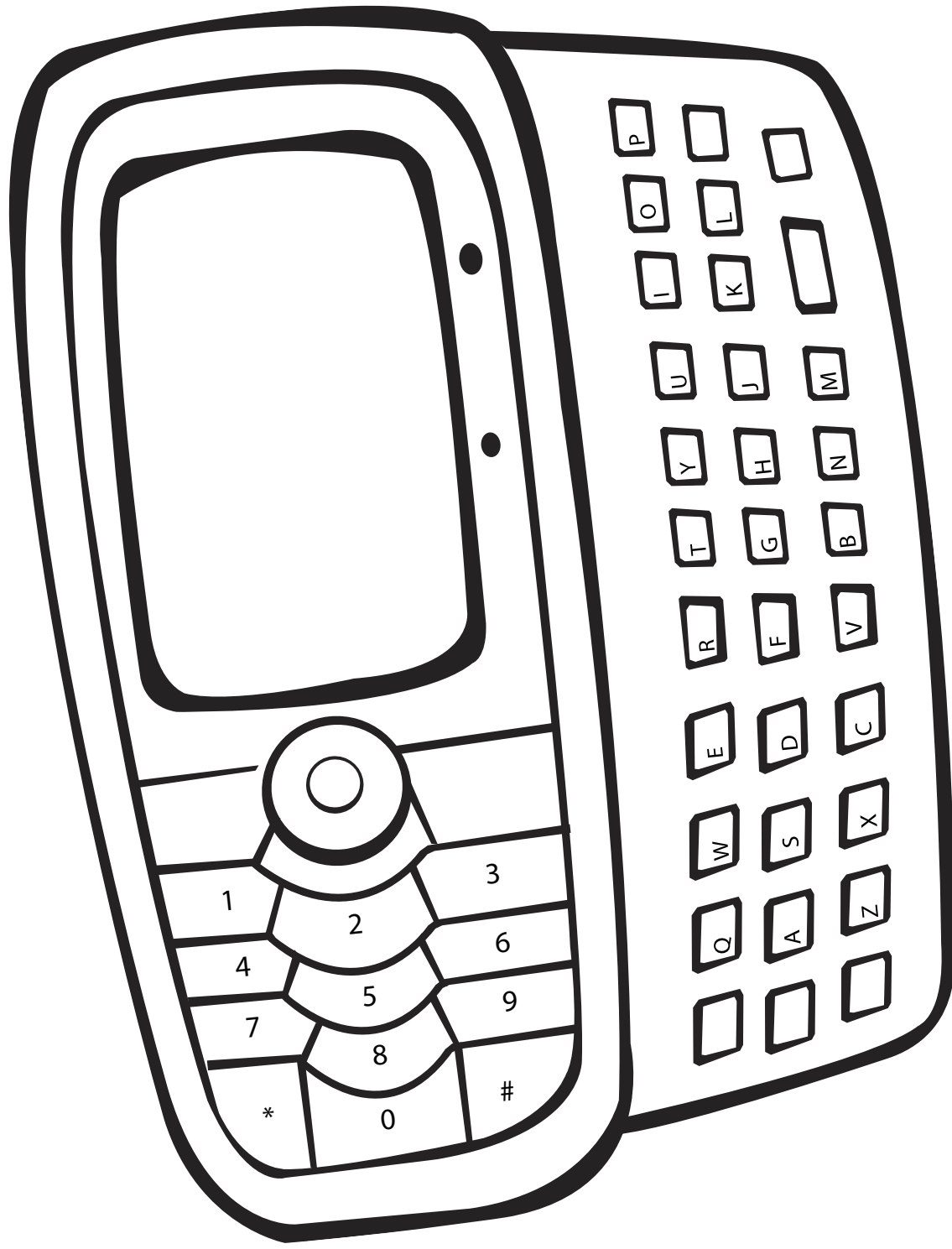
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Late Night Texting

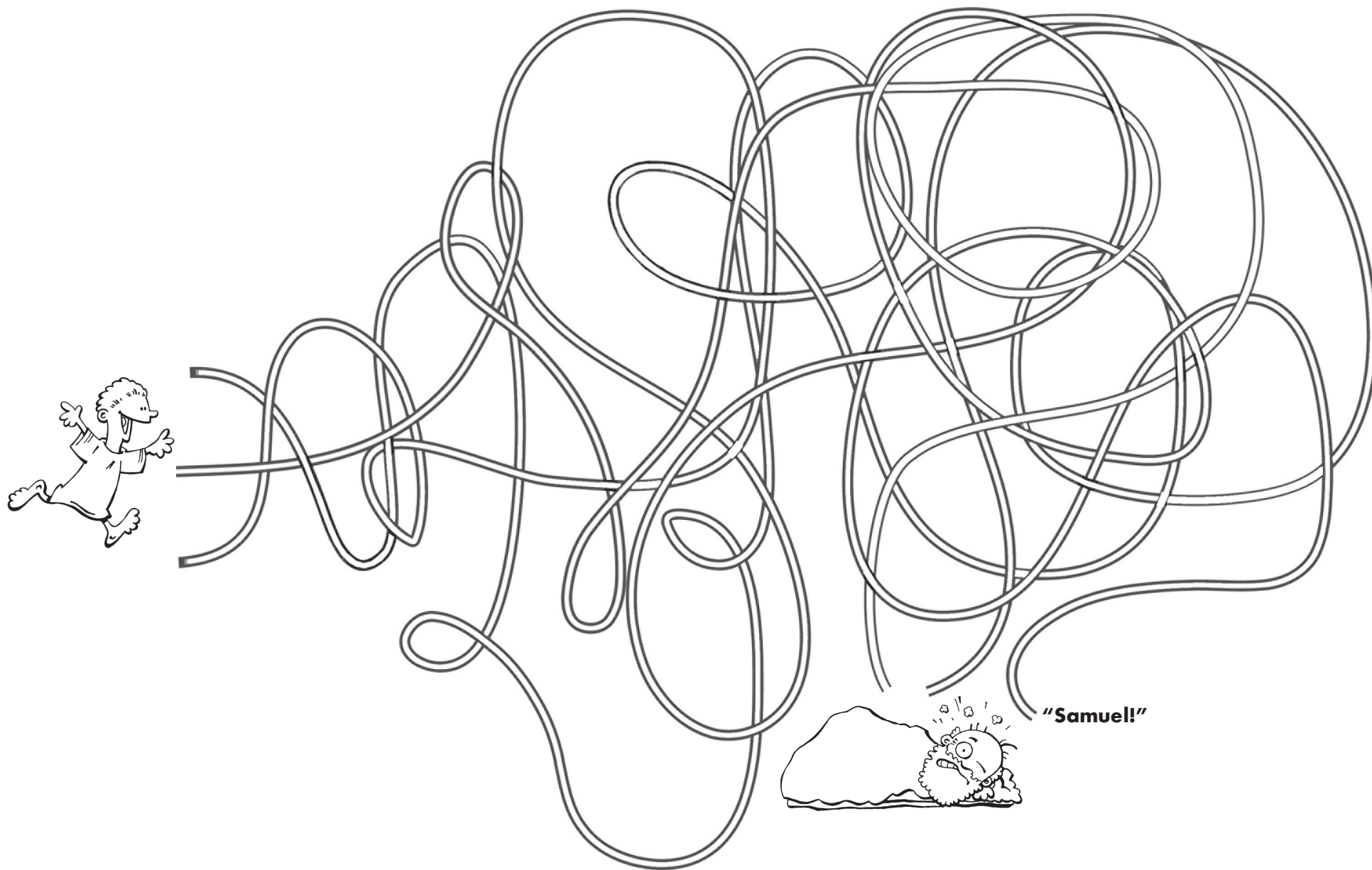
In 1 Samuel 3:1-20, God speaks to Samuel while he's sleeping. Imagine this took place today, and instead of speaking, God chose to send a text message to Samuel. Here is what God said in verse 11:

See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. In the cell phone screen below, write what you think God's text message would look like. Be creative!



God Is Calling!

Help Samuel find God's voice. Follow the lines with a marker or pencil to find the one that leads to God's voice calling. "Samuel."



God Is Calling! Solution

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