

SPARK SUNDAY SCHOOL

ACTIVATE FAITH

UPPER ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION



God Calls Samuel

Lesson Focus: **God Calls Me Too!**

Scripture Reference: **1 Samuel 3:1-20**

Spark Story Bible Pg. 122

GATHER

Check In with your High & Low for today/this week.

Check-In Question: What stories in the Bible happen at night?

God speaks to us today and always and it does not matter how old we are. Let's see what God is saying in today's story.

Prayer: Dear God, Open our ears to hear your voice. Help us to remember that You will always listen to us when we call to you. Amen.

STORY

Look up **1 Samuel 3:1-20** in the **NRSV** and listen along on our website. Or turn to **page 122** in the **Spark Story Bible**.

God had some exciting plans for Samuel. The good news is that Samuel was willing to listen to what God had to say. He learned how to listen.

- **What are different ways you can listen to what God is saying to you?**
- **What parts of the story could help us remember how to tell the story to other people?**
- **How would you feel if somebody wanted you to do something important in the middle of the night?**

RESPOND

God communicated to Samuel by calling his name.

Let's try communicating in a different way...

Design a code that you can use to write me a letter/postcard and send it to me at church. ****Make sure to send a copy of the key too so I can figure out what you wrote.****

Another way to communicate is through **American Sign Language**. See the attached page with the alphabet. Practice in front of a mirror or with someone in your household to spell out a few words using Sign Language. Look back at our story today and decide on some important words that you can then figure out how to sign. If you want some ideas, check these out: *God, calls, me, too, Speak, Listening.*

Can you spell out your name in Sign Language? Consider making a short movie or take a series of selfies to spell out your name or word for the group to figure out and upload your message to Zion's Sunday School Facebook Group.

MEMORY VERSE

Look up **1 Samuel 3:10**. This is our Memory Verse for today.

Speak Lord for your servant is listening.

SEND

Responding to God's Word

*These are ways God uses us to come back for others!
Sometimes the best way to come back is to go out!*

To: _____ From: _____ Date: _____

I want to:

- ___ Samuel was a wise and brave kid to do what God asked of him. Heroes are wise and brave. When he grew up, Samuel shared many messages from God. Some people thought Samuel was a hero for God's people. Who is your hero? Why are they your hero?
- ___ Take two minutes to spend time in prayer just listening. (This may be a tough one).
- ___ Take a nap
- ___ Sing or learn a bed time song or create a bedtime music playlist.
- ___ Think of someone who is your hero and let them know what you think about them.
- ___ Figure out how to say your name using American Sign Language
- ___ Find out about your name. Draw a picture of your name in your Faith Formation Journal.
- ___ Write out the Memory Verse & doodle around it in your Faith Formation Journal
- ___ Write out the Memory Verse and place it somewhere you will see it often
- ___ Give you a big hug!
- ___ Invite you to worship with you (outside or online) or invite them to Sunday School with you
- ___ Pray for _____
- ___ Say "I'm sorry" _____ My own idea: _____

PRAY

Dear God, I am here. I am listening. Amen.

SIGN LANGUAGE



Aa



Bb



Cc



Dd



Ee



Ff



Gg



Hh



Ii



Jj



Kk



Ll



Mm



Nn



Oo



Pp



Qq



Rr



Ss



Tt



Uu



Vv



Ww



Xx



Yy



Zz