Lesson Plan

God Speaks to Samuel

THE SERIES: Unexpected Heroes
THE POINT: We can hear from God
BIBLE STORY: God Speaks to Samuel || 1 Samuel 3
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that God spoke to Samuel when he was still a young boy.
- They will understand that Samuel listened carefully and obeyed God.
- They will learn that we can listen to God and follow His guidance.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of God speaking to Samuel is found in 1 Samuel chapter 3. Samuel was a young boy who lived and served at the temple with a priest named Eli. One night, while Samuel was sleeping, he heard someone call his name. Samuel thought Eli was calling him, so he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am." But Eli had not called him. This happened three times. Then Eli realised that it was God calling Samuel. Eli told Samuel that if he heard the voice again, he should say, "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening." When Samuel heard the voice again, he responded just as Eli had told him. God spoke to Samuel and gave him a message. Samuel listened to God and grew up to become a prophet who helped guide God's people.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; - 1 Corinthians 1:27

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening." — 1 Samuel 3:10b

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Ask the children to sit in a circle. Choose one child to start. Quietly tell them the first two words of the memory verse. That child softly whispers those two words to the next child beside them. Each child then whispers the same words to the next person around the circle.
See if the words make it all the way around the circle correctly.
Once the words reach the last child, everyone says the whole memory verse together:
"Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."
Repeat the game with the next two words of the verse, continuing until the whole verse has been practiced.

Explain that just like Samuel listened carefully for God's voice, we can learn to listen carefully to God too.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

- Have you ever had someone call your name when you were not expecting it?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Samuel heard someone call his name while he was sleeping, but at first he thought it was Eli. What happened that helped Samuel realise it was God speaking to him?
- In 1 Samuel 3:10 Samuel said, "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening." What does Samuel's answer show us about how we should listen and respond to God?
- Samuel listened carefully when he realised God was speaking to him. Today, God can guide us through the Bible, through prayer, and through wise people who help us. What can we learn from Samuel about how we should listen and respond to God?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

Samuel was just a young boy when God spoke to him. God can speak to people of any age. Samuel listened carefully and was willing to obey what God said. Today, God often speaks to us through the Bible, through wise people who teach us, and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we take time to pray, read the Bible, and listen carefully, we can learn to follow God's guidance in our lives.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

This weeks prayer example:

Dear God,

Thank You that You speak to Your people. Help us listen to You and follow Your guidance each day.

Amen

Lesson WRAP-UP

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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CRAFT

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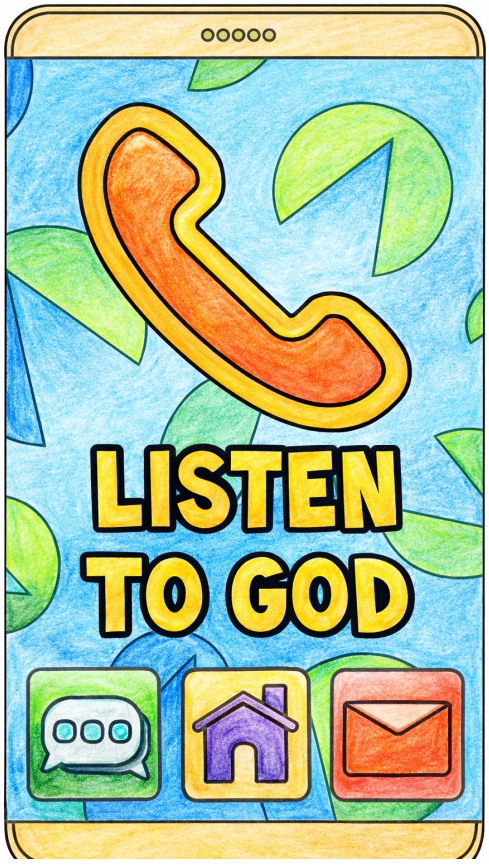
- Printable Phone
- Colouring materials

STEPS

- Colour in your Phone craft

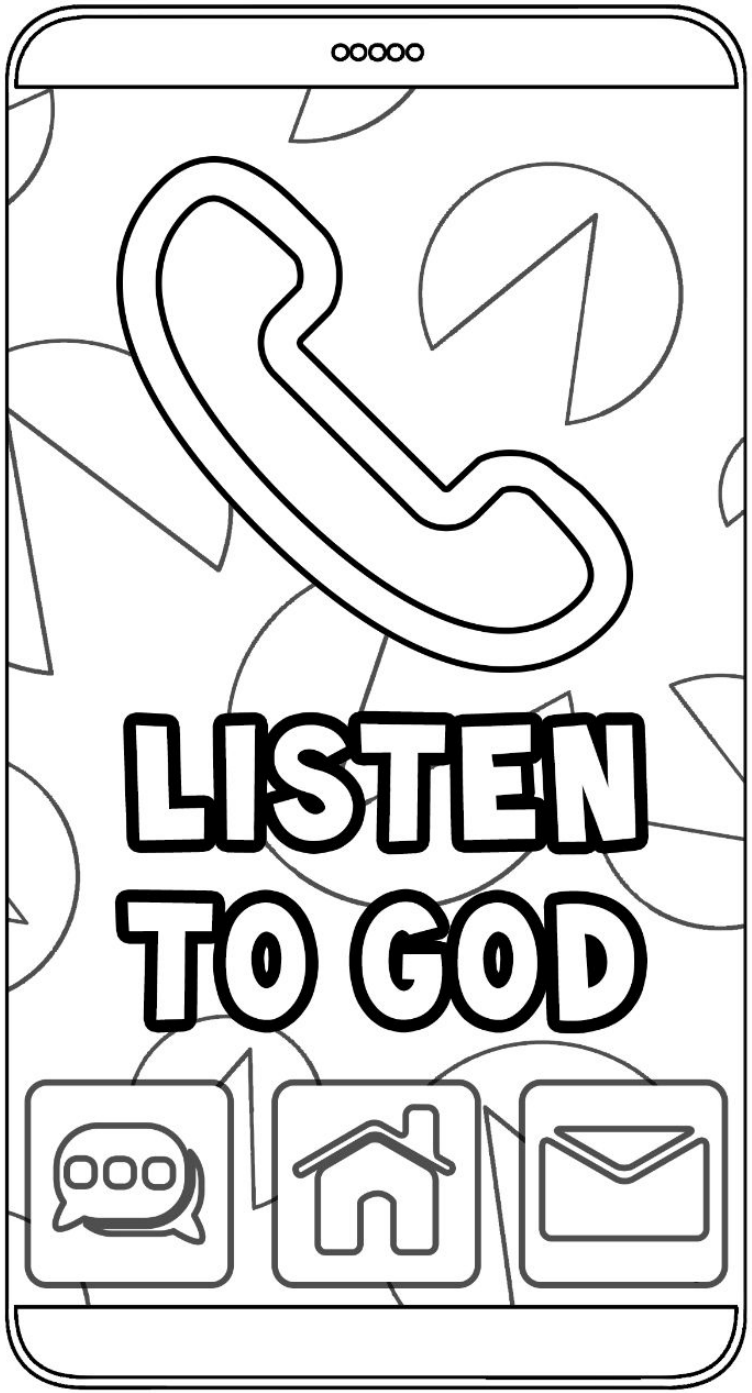
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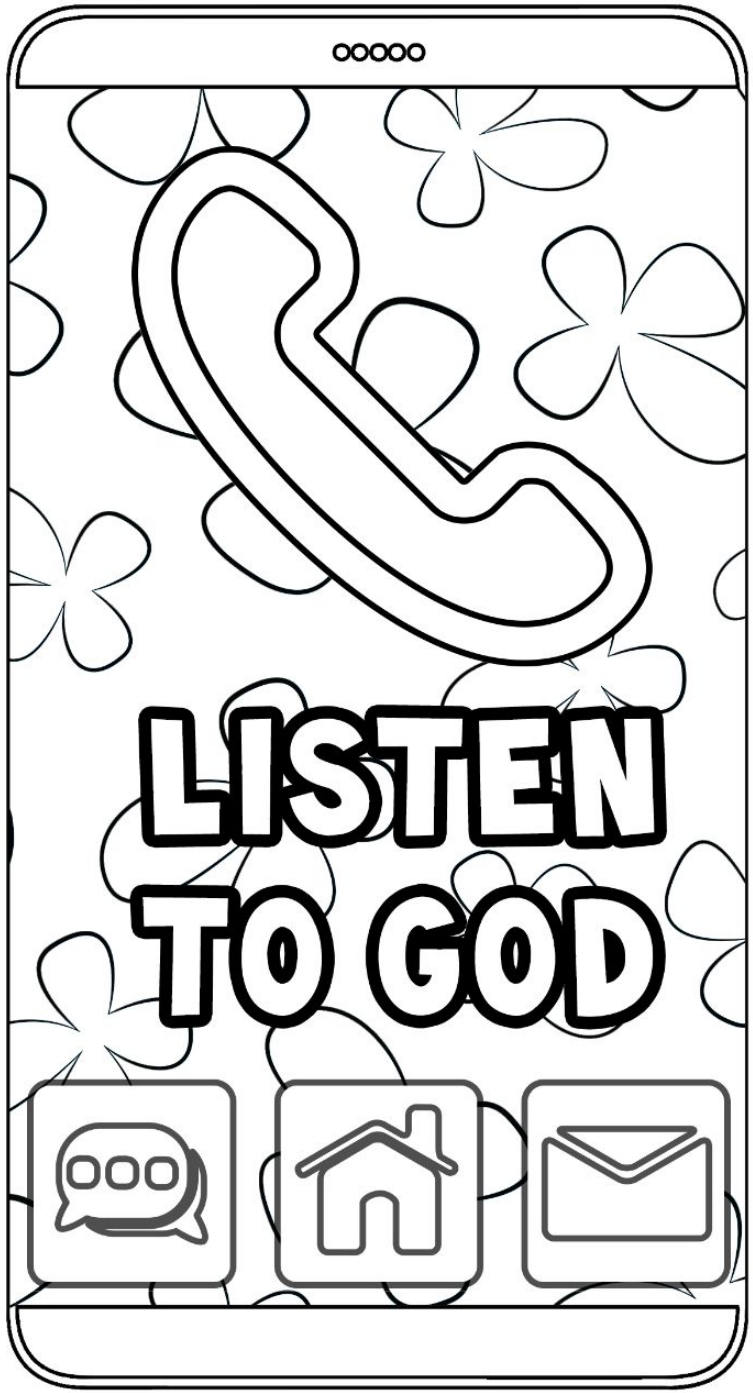
- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au





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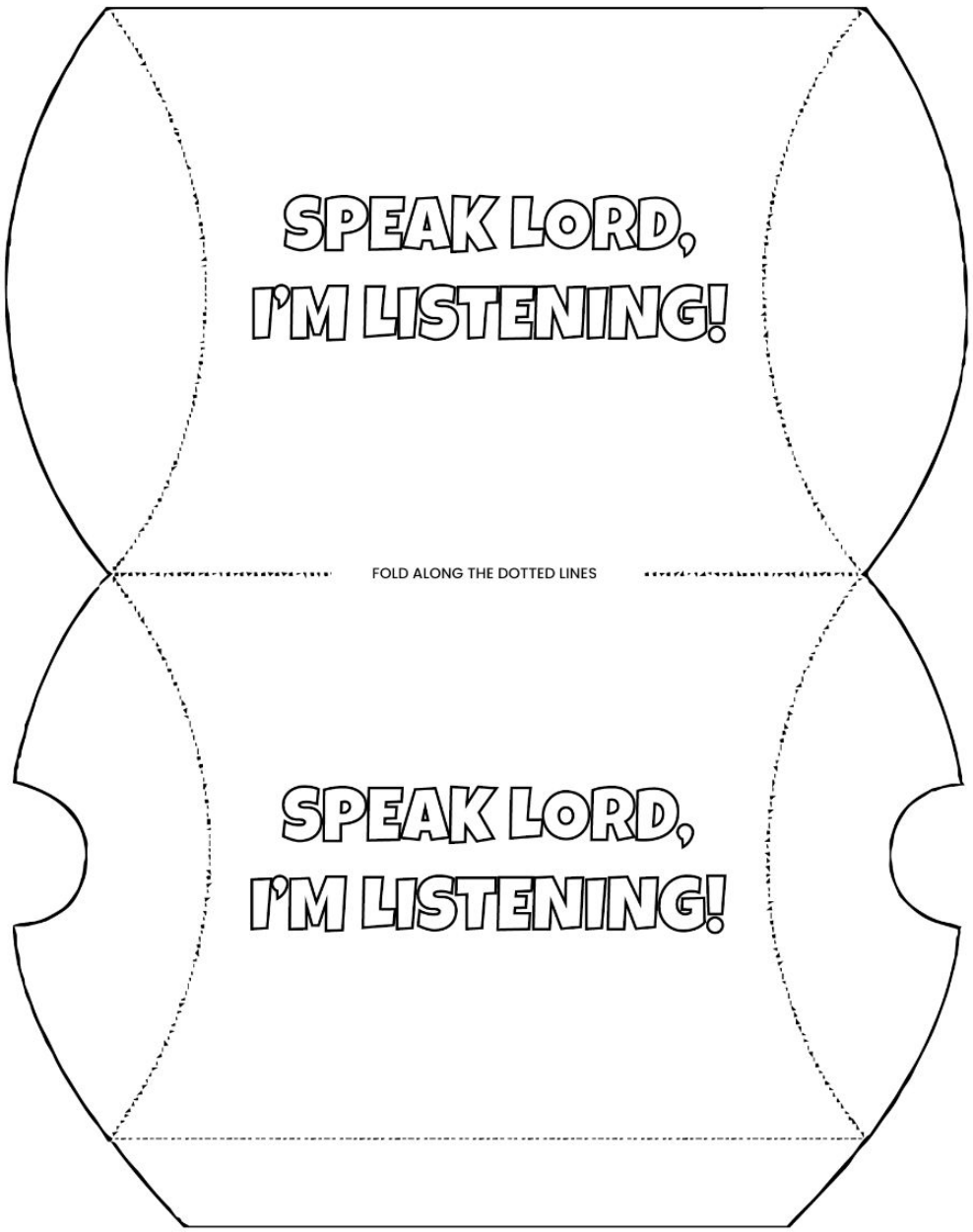

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SPEAK LORD, I'M LISTENING!

Samuel was sleeping when he heard God's voice calling his name. He thought it was the priest Eli calling out to him. Eli said it wasn't him, so Samuel went back to bed and put his head on his pillow. God called out to Samuel again, he thought it was still Eli. When they discovered it was God speaking to him, Samuel listened again for God's voice and said, "Speak Lord, I'm listening!"

Let's make a pillow. Ask for an adult to help you with this one. Colour in the shape and cut out around the edges. Fold it in half along the dotted line in the middle, and fold the long tab on one side. Stick the tab to the other side with some tape, then puff the box open and fold the end tabs in.



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God called again and Samuel responded. God told Samuel things about the future of the Israelite people. Samuel grew up knowing how to listen to God's voice and share his message.

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This happened again and again. Eli then realised what was happening. Eli encouraged Samuel the next time he heard the voice to say, "Speak lord your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up in the temple and learned how to serve God from the Priest Eli. Samuel knew how to serve God but didn't know the voice of God.

One night God spoke to Samuel. Samuel woke up and and thought it was Eli speaking. Samuel went to Eli and said, "Here I am" but Eli didn't call him. Samuel went back to bed.