

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Samuel Hears God's Call

Lesson 89



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Read this story in the Bible:

1 Samuel 3 v 1-10

Hannah prayed for a baby boy. She promised to give him to the Lord. God heard Hannah's prayer. She called her baby Samuel. When Samuel was old enough Hannah kept her promise and took Samuel to live and work at the Lord's house. Samuel worked for Eli the priest.

Samuel was a good worker. He did whatever Eli asked. He cared for all the things in the Lord's house, but he didn't know God personally. Each one of us needs to know God for ourselves. We call it being converted. This is how Samuel was converted.

One night after his work he lay down to sleep. Suddenly he heard a voice calling his name. He ran to Eli. "Here I am. You called me." But Eli hadn't called Samuel. "Go back to sleep", he said. But Samuel heard the voice twice more. Then Eli knew it was God calling him. "Next time say, 'Speak Lord, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel laid down again.

When he heard the voice calling his name, he said, "Speak, for Your servant hears." God talked to him. Samuel knew that God had called him to serve Him. His heart was changed and Samuel always loved and served God after this.

We all need to be converted. Our hearts are without God when we are born. We don't know Him. But God kindly calls His people and gives them a new heart which loves and wants to serve Him. Today God calls us through His Word, the Bible. We realise that we need our sin to be forgiven. We understand that God sent Jesus to take away our sin. This is a gift from God. If you don't know God for yourself, ask Him to give you a heart that will love and serve Him like Samuel.

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When Samuel first heard God calling, he thought it was Eli's voice. Write down what Samuel said to Eli. It's in 1 Samuel 3 v 6



After three times, Eli told Samuel it was God calling him. He told him what to say. Write the words in the bubble from 1 Samuel 3 v 9



God speaks to us today through His Word, the Bible. He tells us about our sin, and about our dear Saviour, the Lord Jesus. He calls us to follow Him today. Are you listening, like Samuel?

A verse to memorise: Jesus said:

**“I did not come to call the righteous,
but sinners, to repentance.”**

Matthew 9 v 13 (NKJV)