

# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, July 12, 2020 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a

### Activities and Background:

Remember Hannah had been childless and wanted a child so badly that she prayed to God and promised if God would send a child, she would dedicate him to God’s work. After Samuel was old enough, she took him to the Temple where Samuel would live with the priests helping an old priest, Eli. Under Eli’s tutelage, Samuel learned much about God. Young children may question did Samuel miss his mother. How could a mother leave her child with a stranger? Explore these feelings through wonder questions.

1. Read the story.
  - I wonder how Samuel’s mother was so sure that this is what Samuel should do.
  - I wonder if Samuel missed his mother or his mother missed him.
  - I wonder what Eli taught Samuel about God.
2. With young children here is a time when a game of sound recognition will be fun. Collect items or recordings of people’s voices. Present each sound without the child seeing the source. Can the child determine whose voice it is or what is making the sound?
  - I wonder what Eli’s voice sounded like.
  - I wonder what Samuel’s voice sounded like.
  - I wonder what God’s voice sounds like.
3. Older children might want to read more about what Samuel did. Encourage them to continue to read 1 Samuel.
4. Read the scripture one more time and draw a picture to go with it.
5. Sing, “Here I am, Lord.”
6. Say a prayer of dedication:
  - Dear Lord, Here I am, speak and I will listen.
  - Help me Lord to understand what you are telling me. Amen.