



God Calls Samuel

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Lord whom we serve, Samuel did not recognize your voice when you called, but he eventually obeyed. Teach us to know your voice and to respond, "Here I am!" Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Samuel didn't recognize the Lord's voice when the Lord called him. God had a difficult assignment for Samuel—the condemnation of his mentor, Eli.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time God called you to do something you were reluctant to do. (When was it hard to do the right thing?) How did you find the courage to do it?

How would your 11-year-old self have responded to a call by God?

For the littles: What can you do to serve God?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you courage to come when called. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Compare a current news story in a variety of news outlets. Check the newspaper, TV networks, and social media. How is the story different depending on whose voice is speaking? Who do you believe? Why?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, 1 Samuel 3:1-21, God Calls Samuel

Monday, 1 Samuel 4:1-11, The Ark of God Captured

Tuesday, 1 Samuel 5:1-12, Philistines and the Ark

Wednesday, 1 Samuel 6:1-16, The Ark Returned

Thursday, 1 Samuel 8:1-18, Israel Demands a King

Friday, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, Samuel Anoints Saul as King

Saturday, 1 Samuel 15:10-34, Saul Rejected as King