

*When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.*

Program A-1  
April 17, 2005

## Young Samuel Serves at the Tabernacle (I Samuel 1:21-2:11, 3:1-21)

Lesson#2: Samuel and Kings Lesson Series

Focus: We must listen to hear God's voice. God talks to children.  
Everyone can serve God.

Bible Verse: Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10  
God hears us when we pray. Psalm 34:17

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Children can serve God, (or help others) just like adults. God can speak to children, too.

Prop ideas: Pillow and blanket  
Pictures of the Tabernacle, Temple or Church  
Any type of 'Helping' tools (Today we will have cleaning supplies/tools)

### SAMPLE STORY

Before Samuel was born, his mother Hannah promised God that she would give Samuel back to God by having him serve in the Tabernacle all of his life. As a child he would help the priest with whatever needed to be done. He probably had a lot of chores like the ones we have at home. As he grew older he would train to be a priest himself.

Samuel stayed with his mother until he was about 3-years-old. Then she took him to the Tabernacle with offerings for the LORD. Even though he was so young, Samuel stayed there at Shiloh to minister before the LORD under Eli the priest. Every year when Hannah would come to Shiloh to worship the LORD, she would bring a new robe she had made for Samuel. Hannah was faithful in keeping her promise to God. She loved Samuel very much and missed him very much. But she continued to let him serve God all the days of his life.

When Samuel was a little older, but still a boy, he was lying down in the tabernacle. Eli had already gone to bed. Samuel heard his name called. "Samuel!" He went running to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." Eli responded, "I did not call you. Go back and lie down." So Samuel went back and lay down. Again, he heard his name called,



## CLEANING IS SERVING

Materials: Cleaning supply items (Dust rags, feather dusters, spray bottles)

Do: Clean the room. Put water in the spray bottles. Use water on the tables only, not each other. (If your room has a broom or a floor sweeper, use it). Not only is this pretend play, but we can actually clean up the room.

Talk about: Samuel was a very young boy, only 3-years-old, when he went to the tabernacle to serve the LORD. He helped Eli the priest. He probably had lots of chores to do. Maybe he had to clean. What else do you think he may have done?

## WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

Materials: Tape Player  
***What's that sound?*** Tape

Do: Have the children gather around in a circle or at a table. Tell them that they must listen carefully to guess the sounds they hear.

Talk about: Sometimes we think they we hear one thing, but it is really something else. Samuel thought that he had heard Eli calling him; he had actually heard God calling him! Just like we have to be quiet and still to hear the sounds on this tape, we must also be quiet and still to hear God.