

ALLEY SG – October 3rd- 4th, 2026

Bible Story: The Lord Calls Out to Samuel • 1 Samuel 3

Conversation Starter: What are you going to ask God to speak to you about?

Monthly Memory Verse: “My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” • John 10:27 NIV

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, “Samuel Story Script” Activity Page (one per group), Small megaphone (One per bin)

What You Do:

- Say “You are going to help act out today’s Bible Story. I am going to read the Bible Story out loud. When I get to a specific action word and say that word through the megaphone (*show megaphone*), you will act out the word I say. Let’s practice before we get started with the Bible Story:
 - Read the following sentence to the kids, saying the word in bold through the megaphone: “The basketball player **shot the ball** at the buzzer for the win!”
- Say “Now that you have an idea of what to do, help me by acting out the Bible Story. Remember, your cue to act out an action is when I say a word through the megaphone.
- Use “Samuel Story Script” Activity Page to read the Bible Story aloud.

Say: “That is some good acting there! Even though this was fun and playful, the events in this story really happened. One detail that is truly amazing is found in 1 Samuel 3:10. (*Have a kid read out this verse.*) This passage says that the LORD came and stood there and then called out to Samuel. Samuel was not even aware that the LORD was there. It’s amazing that the very presence of the LORD can be with us even when we are not aware.:

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: Bean bags (4 per bin)

What You Do:

- Have kids stand in a circle and take two steps back.
- Say “We are going to pass a bean bag around the circle, but there are a few rules.”
- Explain the rules:
 - Before throwing the bean bag, say the name of the person you are throwing to.
 - The receiver must say, “I’m ready,” before the bean bag is thrown.
 - Once the group gets into a rhythm, additional bean bags will be added.
- Model the activity by calling a kid’s name and waiting for them to say, “I’m ready,” before tossing the bean bag.

- Instruct kids to keep the bean bag going.
- Add a second bean bag when ready, then a third if the group can handle it.

Say: “When the LORD called to Samuel a fourth time, Samuel said, ‘Speak, LORD, I’m listening.’ In all of Israel, God had chosen a kid to give His message to. God gave Samuel a message for Eli. It was not an easy message, full of rainbows and unicorns. It was a message to Eli about the consequences his family would face because of the terrible things his grown sons had been doing. Samuel was trustworthy with the message God had given him, and he shared it with Eli when Eli asked him what the LORD had said. God continued to speak to Samuel for the rest of his life. He became an honest, devout prophet of the LORD, and obeyed God completely.”

3. Discussion Questions

- **What are you going to ask God to speak to you about?**
- What do you think Samuel was feeling and thinking....
 - a) when God was speaking to him?
 - b) when he finally figured out it was God?
 - c) when God gave him the message about Eli and his sons?
 - d) What would you be thinking and feeling?
- What might make it difficult to hear God when He is speaking?
- What can you do to be ready for God to speak?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, Bean bag

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up John 10:27.
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Have kids stand in a circle, close enough to pass a bean bag around the circle.
- Say “We are going to play a ‘Hot Potato’ game to practice our Memory Verse. I will set a timer for a mystery amount of time (mystery to you that is) and say, ‘Go.’ You will pass the bean bag around the circle. When the timer goes off, whoever is holding the bean bag will say the Memory Verse. Then, I’ll set the timer for a different time (which will be a mystery to you), and you will start passing the bean bag around the circle until the timer goes off, and whoever is holding it will say the verse.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- “God, thank You that You are always with us. We ask today that You speak to us and that we will obey You when You do. Thank you that You want to include us in Your work and that You have a special plan for us. Help us to always seek you. We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, remind the kids that they can ask God to speak to them – and take a moment to listen this week!