BIBLE STORYLINE Brave Little Samuel

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader tip: Dress up like Samuel and act out a scene of when he was awakened by God. (Put on a robe and slippers). Pretend to be tired and yawn and rub your eyes. Tell the kids, "I slept awful last night! A voice kept waking me up! Guess who it was? It was God! He gave me a message to give to my teacher but I'm scared to do it." Then, ask the kids what you should do. "Should I obey God or not?" "Let's learn more about the story to find out what Samuel chooses to do."

Have you ever had to tell the truth even when it was hard? (allow kids to answer). Good! Yeah maybe we have to tell our parents that we broke something, or maybe we have to tell our teacher we didn't do our homework.

Well, in today's lesson we are going to learn about a guy named Samuel. He had to tell someone something scary and he didn't want to do it.

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

Song

He Is the Light

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: When God speaks, it takes courage to listen. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

• Where did young Samuel live? (at the tabernacle/temple with Eli)

- Who gave Samuel a message? (God)
- True or False: It's always easy to listen to what God says. (F)

That's definitely not true! God isn't always going to tell us what we want to hear. Sometimes, God is going to ask us to do things that seem scary or hard. For example, telling the truth can be hard if we know the truth will get us in trouble. Being nice to a new kid at school can be hard if other kids are making fun of them. But, that doesn't mean we don't do it. God isn't telling us to do hard things because he's mean. He does it because he knows what's best for us and he wants to help us to honor him! When God tells us something hard, we need to be courageous and obey. That's what Samuel did, and because of that he was blessed by God!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"As Samuel grew up (raise hands up), the Lord was with him (point up), and everything Samuel said (point to mouth) proved to be reliable (thumbs up)." 1 Samuel 3:19 (*Repeat*)

Because Samuel listened to God, he was blessed. He went on to become a really important prophet in the Bible. He told God's people what they needed to hear and helped to bring people to God. People knew they could trust him because he listened to God. We should be like that, too! People should want to be around us and trust us because they know we follow God. They should be able to see it in the way we talk and in the way we act. And sometimes, that's going to take a lot of courage!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Jesus Freak

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

When God speaks, it takes courage to listen. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.