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BIBLE STORYLINE

Brave Little Samuel

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're talking about a brave boy named Samuel. Last time, we learned about his mom Hannah. She begged God for a child and God gave her a son named Samuel. Hannah promised to give Samuel back to God. When Samuel was still just a boy, she brought him to live in God's temple to be trained by the priest, Eli. One night while Samuel was asleep, God called out to him because he had a message for him. At first, Samuel thought Eli was calling to him but it wasn't Eli. When Samuel realized that it was God speaking, he was ready to listen. But, God's message was a little scary and Samuel didn't like what he was hearing. God told Samuel to go warn Eli that he and his family were in trouble. Eli's sons had done some bad things and Eli knew it and didn't stop it. So, God was going to punish them. Samuel was afraid to give this message to Eli. He didn't want to make Eli mad. But, Samuel was obedient and he shared God's message with Eli. Samuel showed courage when he stood up to his friend and mentor. Like Samuel, we need to be courageous, too. When God tells us to do something, we need to listen and obey.

Big Idea

When God speaks, it takes courage to listen.

Key Question

How can you show courage around your friends?

Memory Verse

1 Samuel 3:19 "As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable."

Classroom Agenda

- (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
- (5 min) WARM UP: What's the worst chore your parents ask you to do?** (Tip: Maybe it's picking weeds out of the garden or cleaning your toilet. We may not always like what our parents tell us to do but we still have to do it. Samuel had to listen to God when he didn't want to, either.)
- (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
- (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
- (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Choose to honor God even when others aren't.** (The Bible says to tell the truth, to be kind, to not gossip, and to be a good friend. Those can be hard things to do if your friends don't follow those rules. But, be courageous and obey God, even if you have to do it alone.)
 - Bonus Questions:** What are some other things that honor God? What can you do the next time your friends are gossiping about someone? **4-5th** Share a time you showed courage around your friends.
- (5 min) EXPLORE: Read James 1:2-4. Why does James say we should see our troubles as a reason to be joyful? How do our challenges make us stronger?** (Answer: Hard times remind us of how much we need God. And, it's a chance for us to grow in our faith and trust in God. When we go to him, he is right there ready to help which then makes us trust him more for the next hard thing we face.)
- (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: "GOD SAYS".....GAME

Instructions:

- Have the kids line up at one end of the room and play a game of Simon Says saying "God says" instead of Simon. (Ex. March in place, tap your head, spin around, jump up and down, hop on one foot, bark, laugh)
- Have kids sit down if they do a command that doesn't start with "God says".
- After the game, read the story of Samuel from 1 Samuel 3:1-19. Remind the kids that honoring God in their lives is like a game of Simon says. If God says to do something, they should obey it. If God doesn't say to do it, they shouldn't. It will take courage to honor God because their friends might not care about honoring God. Samuel showed a lot of courage when he didn't like what God told him to do but he did it anyways.

Supplies needed: None

OPTION 2: BRAVE SAMUEL CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Pillow template (page 5). Have the kids color their pillow and then have them glue the phrase onto the pillow.
- Then, have the kids staple around the edge of the pillow leaving one side open. Then, give them some cotton balls and have them stuff them into the pillow. Have them staple that end closed.
- As they work, read the story of Samuel from 1 Samuel 3:1-19. Remind the kids that Samuel had to show courage to listen and obey what God was telling him to do. We have to be courageous, too, and choose to honor God even if our friends don't.

Supplies needed: Pillow template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per kid), Crayons, Glue, Staplers, Cotton balls)

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When God gave Samuel an important message, he had to be brave to share it.

Key Points:

- Young Samuel lived at the _____ with a priest named Eli.
- One night _____ spoke to Samuel, but the message was really scary.
- Eli asked Samuel to tell him the _____ about God's message.
- When God speaks, it takes _____ to listen.

Memory Verse:

1 Samuel 3:19 As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What's the worst chore your parents ask you to do? How do you typically respond when they ask you to do it?*
3. *Who was Samuel's mom? Where did Samuel grow up?*
4. *Who was calling Samuel's name in the night? Why was Samuel afraid of the message God had given him?*
5. *Read James 1:2-4. Why does James say we should see our troubles as a reason to be joyful? How do our challenges make us stronger?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

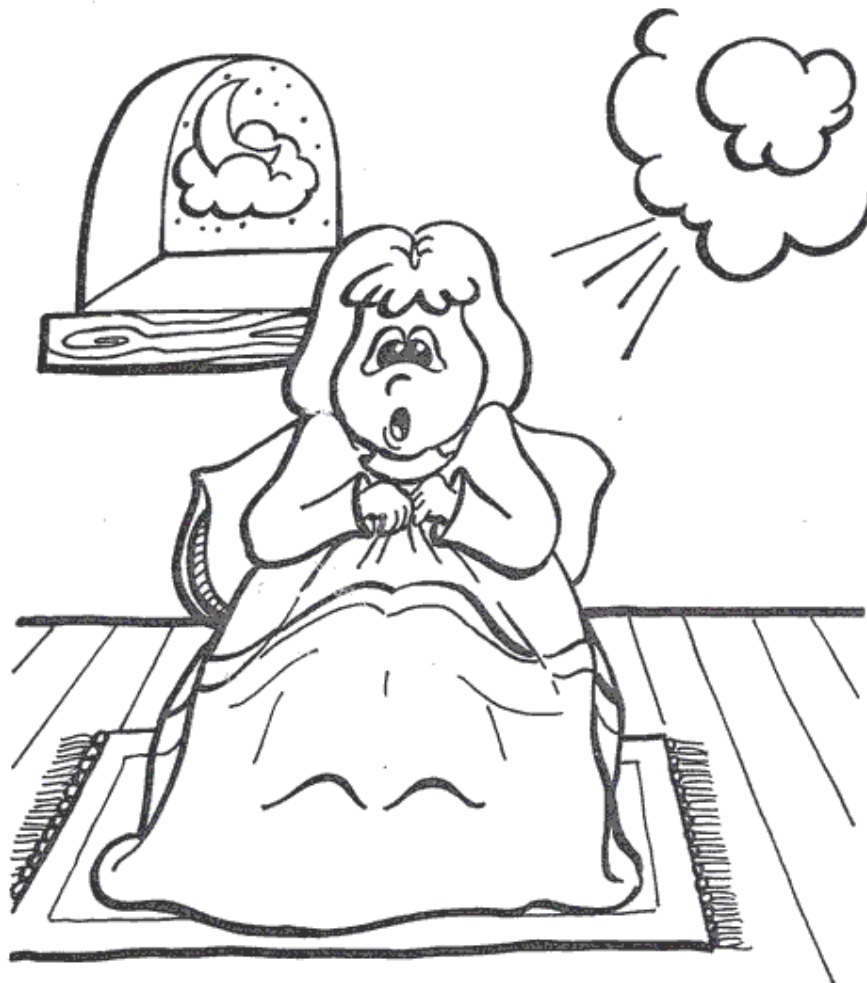
WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT TAKES COURAGE TO LISTEN

Key Question

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Memory Verse

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Eli told Samuel that God had spoken to him. Then Samuel heard his name called and said, "Speak, Lord." And God spoke.



SAMUEL SHOWED COURAGE WHEN HE LISTENED TO GOD.

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