

## Lesson #4-6

## GOD CALLS SAMUEL

1 Samuel 3:1-21

**Key Verse:**

“Speak, for your servant is listening.”

1 Samuel 3:10

**The Point:**

God blesses and equips us to do great things.

**Unit Theme (October 17—November 7)**

Called by God

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*Thank our elders.**You will need:*

- † Blank note cards with envelopes
- † Markers or crayons

*Instructions:*

1. **When Samuel first heard God’s voice calling him, did he know who it was? No, at first he thought it was Eli calling him. Who was it that told Samuel what to do? [Eli.] Eli was older than Samuel, and had been a priest a long time. So it was Eli who figured out that God was speaking to Samuel, and he told Samuel what to say.**
2. **Eli was a good teacher for Samuel. Who are the people in our lives who help us understand things, and who teach us about our faith? You might offer students suggestions of parents, teachers, coaches, pastors, or other people in your church. It is important for us to have teachers who can help**
3. **us understand things that are confusing, especially our faith.**
3. **Hand out the cards. We are going to say thank you to these important teachers by making them a thank-you card.** Take time to allow each student to share about the person they chose.
4. **It is important to remember to thank our elders. Take your cards home and see if you can make a plan for spending time with the person you have written on your card. If you can visit the person you can give them the card yourself. Otherwise ask someone to help you mail them.**
5. **Let’s pray together, thanking God for these people: God, thank you for people like Eli, those who teach us and care for us, and can help us understand your voice. Bless our time with these people, and help us grow strong in our love for them and you. In your name we pray. Amen.**