



Lesson #4-6

Listening for God's Call

1 Samuel 3:1-21



Key Verse:

Speak, for your servant is listening.
1 Samuel 3:10b

The Point:

God will bless and equip us to do great things.

Unit Theme (October 15 - November 5):

Called by God

Opening Prayer

Leader: God, you are in this place.

All: Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Open our eyes to your presence.

All: Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Open our ears to your presence.

All: Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Open our hearts to your presence.

All: Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: You have blessed and equipped us to do great things.

All: Speak Lord, for your servants are listening. We are here to worship God!



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Learning the Story: Your Servant is Listening

You will need:

- † Bible
- † Optional: printed or projectable discussion prompts, costumes, blankets

Before worship:

1. Recruit a narrator, a youth or young adult to play Samuel, and an older adult to play Eli.
2. Help your volunteers read through the story several times and think about how to best present it with their voices and bodies.

During worship:

1. **As we prepare to listen to today's passage, we will divide into two groups, based upon age.**
2. Divide worshippers into a younger group and an older group. The make up of these groups will depend upon your particular community. If you have an even split across generations, you might have an under 40 and an over 40 group. If your congregation is primarily made up of older adults, you might have an under 60 and an over 60 group. If your congregation includes a lot of children, youth, or young adults, you might have an under 30 and an over 30 group.
3. **We welcome three volunteers who are going to help bring the story to life for us today. As they are sharing the story, each group will try to listen and experience it from the perspective of a particular character. If you are in the group that is younger, please listen to the story from Samuel's perspective. If you are in the group that is older, please to listen to the story from Eli's perspective.**
4. Volunteers act out the story.
5. **Please gather with those near you in groups of four or five to discuss your experience of this story.**
6. The following discussion prompts may be projected, printed, and/or verbally shared with worshippers to help facilitate discussion. **In your discussion, consider finishing the following statements: These are the ways I identify with my character... These are the ways I don't identify with my character... I liked when... It bothered me when... The things that distract me from God's call are... I doubt God's call when... Someone who helped me identify God's call was... A time I helped someone else listen for God was...**