

[HOMEPAGE]

For families of junior soldiers

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:

Samuel— The Boy Who Listened

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Samuel 3:10b (NIV)

"Then Samuel replied, 'Speak.
I'm listening.'"

The memory verse for the week is included on each HOMEPAGE. Help your child review it during the week.

PARENT POINT:

Did you participate in a dedication ceremony for your child? If so, talk to your child about the ceremony.



TODAY IN JUNIOR SOLDIERS, the children continued to learn about faithful people of the Old Testament. Through the story of Samuel, junior soldiers learned about listening for God's voice, and obeying God's commands.

Samuel was the last of the judges in Israel. He was also a priest and a prophet. His mother Hannah wanted a son desperately. She cried out to God, asking Him for a son. She promised God that if He gave her a son, she would give the child back to God. God answered Hannah's prayer, and she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which means, "asked of God."

Hannah fulfilled her promise to God. She took Samuel to the tabernacle where he stayed and lived with the high priest, Eli. While Samuel was still a child, God called him to be a prophet. Samuel was sleeping when he heard a voice calling him. Samuel thought that Eli was calling him, so he went to Eli. But Eli hadn't called Samuel. This occurred three times, and then Eli told Samuel that it was the Lord calling him. When Samuel heard the voice again he answered, "Speak. I'm listening."

Samuel continued to live with Eli. Eventually he became the high priest. Samuel had two sons, Joel and Abijah. He appointed them to serve as judges for Israel, but they were corrupt. The people of Israel pleaded with Samuel for a king. As a prophet, Samuel spoke to the people of Israel for God. He warned them about wanting a king as their ruler, but the people persisted. God appointed Samuel to anoint the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson helped junior soldiers learn about listening to God and obeying His commands. Through the example of Samuel, junior soldiers learned that God calls people to His service even when they're children.