

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

When we allow God to use us, He gives our lives purpose and enables us to make a difference.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: When we allow God to use us, He gives our lives true purpose and enables us to make a difference in unexpected ways. The moment we open ourselves to God's leadership, we step into a story bigger than ourselves. This is where true purpose is found. God invites us to trust Him, even when the outcome is unclear. And when we let Him lead, we become part of His work in the world.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:20-24,28; 3

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Samuel listened to God and learned God wanted. Say teachers at church help your child learn about God. Pray for your child's teacher.

Samuel's mother, Hannah, prayed for Samuel to be born. When Samuel was a young boy, his mother took him to the tabernacle in Shiloh.

Hannah gave Samuel to Eli the priest to teach Samuel about serving God at the tabernacle. When Samuel was lying down to sleep, God called his name, "Samuel!" Samuel thought Eli was calling him. He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am."

Eli said, "I did not call you. Go back and lie down." God called to Samuel three times. The fourth time, Eli said, "When you hear God again, say, 'Speak, your servant is listening.'"

Samuel did what Eli said. God told him a special message.

As Samuel grew, he told the people what God wanted them to know. People listened to what Samuel said. They knew Samuel loved God and listened to God's words.

KIDS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:20-24,28; 3

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Say the Psalm 32:8, with him. Help your child find opportunities to serve in his church, community, or school.

Hannah prayed for a child, and God answered her prayer. Hannah had her son, Samuel.

When Samuel was old enough, she took him to the tabernacle and dedicated him to the Lord. She told Eli, the priest, "For as long as Samuel lives, he is given to serve the Lord."

Samuel grew and helped Eli. One night Samuel heard a voice calling his name. He ran to Eli and told him what happened. Eli sent him back to his bed.

Two more times, Samuel heard the voice, and ran to Eli. Eli understood that God was speaking. He told Samuel to say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'

Samuel obeyed. God told Samuel that Eli's sons had done bad things. Samuel told Eli what God said.

God continued to give His messages for the people to Samuel. Samuel was God's prophet.

STUDENTS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 3:1-10

- What is something precious in your life that God might be calling you to lay before Him in faith?
- In what areas are you currently serving or waiting quietly in your life?
- When have you seen God speak or work in an unexpected way in your life?

Live It Out:

Today's culture celebrates self-promotion and personal achievement, and it's important for believers to model and encourage sacrificial willingness. As a family, discuss how you can use your time, talents, and even comforts to help other and further the mission of Christ. Who do you know in your neighborhood who has a need? Who could you help in your church? Make a plan with your family to meet this need and share God's love.