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☆Let's Talk

SAY When Samuel was a young boy, his mother, Hannah, took him to live with Eli the priest so he could love and serve God in the house of the Lord. One night, Samuel was lying in bed when he heard someone call his name.

ASK *What happened when Samuel heard his name called?*

SAY Samuel got up and ran to Eli, but the old priest had not called him. It was the Lord who was calling Samuel! Eli told Samuel to listen for God's voice. Again God called his name. Samuel answered, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel listened carefully as God spoke to him. God had chosen Samuel to belong to him and serve him. The next morning, he told Eli everything the Lord said.

ASK *Did Samuel obey God's call?*

SAY Samuel obeyed God's call. He served God because God was with him and gave him the power to do so. When he grew up, Samuel began to lead God's people back to the Lord and his Word.

☆Let's Listen and Obey

Play *The Bible Says,* which is like *Simon Says.* The children may do the actions below only if you say *"The Bible says . . ."* before each command.

- *The Bible says* God keeps his promises. High-five your friend next to you.
- Hop on one foot.
- Wiggle your fingers. Now pat your head.
- *The Bible says* God watches over you. Reach up high and turn around.
- *The Bible says* God calls you to serve him. Open your hands, palms facing up.
- Cover your ears with your hands.
- *The Bible says* trust and obey Jesus. Open your hands as a book.

☆Let's Whisper a Prayer

Invite everyone to whisper this prayer together.

Dear God, help me grow in trusting and obeying you.
In Jesus' name, Amen.