



## Samuel's Preparation – Part 2 (1 Sam 3)

Questions: Week Three

### The Lord Calls Samuel - [1 Samuel 3:1-21](#)<sup>1</sup>

Topics: [Acceptance](#), [Atonement](#), [Blindness](#), [Call](#), [Children](#), [Consequences](#), [Disobedience](#), [Faithfulness](#), [Family](#), [Judgment](#), [Listening](#), [Obedience](#), [Parents](#), [Prophecy](#), [Punishment](#), [Sacrifice](#), [Sin](#), [Sincerity](#), [Submission](#), [Unfaithfulness](#)

#### Open It

1. How have the relations of children to adults changed since you were a child?
2. What are some examples of a child's refreshing naiveté about God?
3. \*Why is it sometimes risky to be honest with another person?

#### Explore It

4. How is Eli described in this passage? ([3:2](#))
5. Why was Samuel lying down in the temple of the Lord? ([3:3](#))
6. \*How would you characterize Samuel's relationship to Eli? ([3:4-5](#))
7. What did Samuel assume about the voice he heard in the night? ([3:5](#))
8. How many times did Samuel come to Eli before Eli realized what was happening? ([3:8-9](#))
9. How did Eli instruct Samuel to react to the voice he heard? ([3:9](#))
10. \*What future events did God reveal to Samuel that night? ([3:11-12](#))
11. What decision regarding the priesthood of Israel did God reveal? ([3:12](#))
12. What reasons did God give for judging Eli so harshly? ([3:13](#))
13. How did Samuel react to what he heard God speak? ([3:15](#))
14. What question did Eli ask of Samuel the morning after Samuel met with God? ([3:17](#))
15. How did Samuel respond to Eli's inquiry about what God had said the night before? ([3:18](#))
16. What was Eli's reaction to the prophecy concerning himself and his descendants? ([3:18](#))

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1. *Adult Questions for LESSONMaker*, (Austin, TX: Wordsearch, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "The Lord Calls Samuel - 1 Samuel 3:1-21".

17. \*What was unique about Samuel's words as contrasted to those of the other priests? ([3:19](#))
18. What was Samuel's relationship with God after God first spoke to him? ([3:19-21](#))

### **Get It**

19. \*What dilemma faced Samuel when Eli questioned him about God's message?
20. What was Israel's relationship to God at the time of this story?
21. How would you characterize our day and age with regard to people hearing from God?
22. What characteristics of the boy Samuel made him a suitable person to hear from God?
23. \*What was good or bad about Eli's reaction to the gloomy prophecy about his descendants?

### **Apply It**

24. \*What first step could you take the next time it would be more comfortable to lie than to tell the truth to someone close to you?
25. In what concrete way could you make yourself available to God this week?