

# Samuel

## Trigger

### Listening Game

#### Material

- Plastic eggs
- Egg carton
- 6 pairs of sound objects (bells, beads, small soft chicks, buttons, hard plastic animals, erasers, etc.)



#### Steps

1. Before class, place the sound objects in the eggs. Be sure to choose six different pairs of sounds for each pair of eggs.
2. Place the eggs in the egg carton.
3. Ask the children to take an egg, shake it to listen to the sound it makes.
4. Then ask another child to choose another egg to do the same.
5. Repeat until the children have heard all the eggs.
6. Then ask the children to pair the eggs that make the same sounds.
7. Make the connection with the story you'll be telling. In the Bible, Samuel had to listen to hear God's voice.

#### Optional

- You can use a standard egg carton of 12 eggs or more.
- You can also try putting small rocks (pebbles) or sand. Simply put tape on the small hole if the material comes out.

## Key Verse

### 1 Samuel 3:9

## Multimedia & Clips

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### Images

[freebibleimages.org](http://freebibleimages.org)

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### Clip-YouTube

1. God Speaks to Samuel
2. Samuel - Little Bible Heroes animated children's stories

## Object Lesson

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### This Is God's House (2)

#### Material

- Percussion instrument

#### Steps

1. Recite the nursery rhyme and make the gestures.
2. Use a percussion instrument with which one child can play while others tell the second line of the nursery rhyme to mime.
3. Give every child the opportunity to play the instrument.



#### Nursery Rhyme

- This is God's house  
(Form a roof with your hands.)
- Where holy people gather  
(Close the roof as if to pray.)
- Here are the little children  
(Show the children with the finger.)
- Who serve God they love so much  
(Point to the sky and then hug.)

## Songs

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[www.youtube.com/PhilippeChasse](http://www.youtube.com/PhilippeChasse)

- That's why we praise Him
- Praise Y The Lord

## The Heart of the Father

### & Prayer



As human beings, there are many voices that influence us, tell us who we are and how we should live (friends in school or daycare, television, video games, etc.). All these voices can be good, but they can also be not so good. Maybe because of the friends around you and the TV, you don't find yourself good, not beautiful, not nice enough... It's easy to be influenced by these voices. We want to have friends, we want to be "cool" so we listen to the world around us and act according to what others say about us. But there is only one voice that we must listen to and that is the voice of God the Father. He's the one who created you, so he knows you better than your own parents. He has a wonderful plan for your life and if you listen to others around you and not his voice, you can miss that plan. The Father loves you like crazy and just thinks of beautiful things about you. He wants to talk to you and tell you how much he loves you, how he thinks you are good, smart, kind, etc.

### Exercise: Hearing The Father's Voice (Habakuk 2:1-2)

We're going to do a little exercise together. We will listen to what the Father wants to tell us!

Here are 4 keys to help us hear His voice.

1. Calm down in the presence of God

"I was at my post and I was standing on the tower."

Habakuk was ready to hear God's voice. Like Habakuk, you too must prepare to hear God's voice. Put on some soft music and think of God.

2. Be attentive to visions when you pray

"I was watching to see what the Lord would say to me."

Imagine you're sitting on a swing in the park and Jesus is sitting next to you. What's he saying to you? You can ask him a specific question like "What do you think of me?" or "How do you see me?"

3. Connect yourself with God

"The Lord spoke to me."

God's thoughts are like a river, they never stop flowing. You can see pictures, small movies or even you can hear sentences in your head. Let it all come to your mind. If it's positive (good), it's certainly God talking to you!

4. Write down what you see and hear

"Write the prophecy: engrave it on tablets so that it can be read fluently."

It is important to write or draw what God tells us so as not to forget. When you are in a difficult situation, you can go and reread what God has told you and it can help you feel good.

A good way to start this exercise is to ask the children to ask God: "Father, how do you see me?"

Give children time to write or draw what they receive and give them the opportunity to share what they have received.

## Craft

### God Looks To The Heart

#### Material

- Model
- White paper
- Oil
- Paintbrush
- Sponge
- Ribbon
- Coloured pencils
- Hole punch



#### Steps

1. Before class, print the model on white paper (one model for two children).
2. Give each child a model.
3. Punch two holes in the top of the sheet so that the finished piece can be hung.
4. Pass a ribbon through the holes and make a loop.
5. Give each child a paintbrush and dip a sponge in the oil (a sponge controls the amount of oil on the paintbrush).
6. Give the children the coloured pencils and make sure that they cover the entire background of the crown.
7. Tell the children to lightly brush the white crown with the paintbrush. This will reveal the coloured hearts.
8. Use the coloured pencils to finish decorating the sheet.
9. Then hang the artwork in a bright place.

## Activity

### No To Appearances

#### Material

- Template ([attachment](#))
- White paper
- Mirror or aluminum foil
- Glue
- Multicoloured scratch paper

#### Steps

1. Print the model on white paper.
2. Give each child a template and a mirror.

3. Glue the mirror on the paper.
4. Give each child a multicoloured scratch paper.
5. Let the children scratch so they can discover the colour.
6. Explain to children that God does not look at appearances, but that he looks to the heart.

## Physical Activity

### Prepare The Candlestick

#### Material

- Plastic cups



#### Steps

1. Place plastic cups all over the room.
2. Ask the children to walk around the room to turn the cups.
3. Make the connection with the story you are telling. In the Bible, Samuel had to prepare the candlestick.

## Snack

### Samuel Sleeps

#### Material

- Graham Crackers (or shortbread)
- Teddy Graham Crackers (marshmallow bears)
- Fruit Roll-Ups



#### Steps

1. Prepare the snack before class.
2. Place the bear on the Graham Cracker.
3. Wrap with a Fruit Roll-Up, keeping the bear's head uncovered.
4. It's Samuel sleeping.