

LESSON 10 | Listen for God's Directions

Bible Basis: 1 Samuel 1:1 – 20; 3:1 – 21; 8:1 – 10:27

Bible Verse: Psalm 32:8: "I will guide you and teach you the way you should go. I will give you good advice and watch over you."

Bible Point: God gave Samuel directions when he asked God for help. When I listen, God gives me directions too.

Resource: *The Beginner's Bible*

- "Hannah's Prayer" (pages 156 – 159)
- "A Voice in the Night" (pages 160 – 163)
- "Israel's First King" (pages 164 – 167)

How to use This Page

This week, you can read the stories listed above in *The Beginner's Bible* several times to help your child remember them. Use the Table Talk questions below to start a discussion around the dinner table, while driving in the car, or just about anywhere. The Living Faith activity is designed as a drama to help your child remember the Bible lesson. The Extra Mile provides interactive ways for your child to connect with the story.

TABLE TALK

1. Have you ever asked God to help you out? When?
2. How do you think God has helped our family?
3. What is something you want to talk to God about today?
4. Who was the main character you learned about this week? (*Samuel*.)

LIVING FAITH

The interaction God had with the young boy Samuel is not only humorous but also teaches a good lesson about listening. We all need to learn to give God our ears and our attention. So, this week when you put your child to bed, ask, "Do you remember what Eli told Samuel to say to God?" (*He told Samuel to say, "Yes, Lord, I am listening."*) Say your child's name a few times and have your child say, "I am listening!"

Before you tuck your child into bed, pray together. Remind your child that God is always here, just like you are here if your child needs you. This is an easy way to start a great new nightly bedtime routine for a family prayer time together. If you do not normally pray before bedtime, this is your week to get started!

EXTRA MILE

- This week's verse starts "I will guide you and teach you the way you should go." Spark your musical side by putting this verse to music. Start by humming a familiar melody and see if it fits. The tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" works quite well:

I will guide and teach you, teach you, teach you
I will guide and teach you, the way that you should go.

- Periodically during the week, ask your child to recite (or sing) the verse of the week. This could be during breakfast, in the car, or even over the phone. Encourage other family members to sing along!