Sunday School Live Lesson

November 1, 2026

The Prophet is Called

1 Samuel 3:8-20

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Questions To Consider

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Has the Lord made a Call on your life?

If so, how have you responded?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand and internalize God's messages for us today through this passage of Scripture in the Book of 1 Samuel.

Let us learn and discern.

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Points of Information – Samuel

After Moses, Samuel was the first of a series of prophets in the Bible. So said Peter in Acts 3:24.

Samuel was born in answer to the fervent prayers of his previously barren mother, Hannah. She promised to give him back to God, if the Lord would provide her with a son. 1 Samuel 1:11.

Points of Information – Samuel

God spoke to Samuel out of the pillar of a cloud, as He had done with Moses and Aaron. Psalm 99:6-7.

Samuel anointed the first two Kings of Israel: Saul (1 Samuel 10:1) and David (1 Samuel 16:13).

Points of Information – Samuel

Samuel served the Lord all of his life: as a priest, prophet and judge.

Samuel is mentioned in the Hall of Faith. Hebrews 11:32.

Points of Information – Samuel

Upon his death, Samuel was buried by the Israelites at Ramah, where he was born. 1 Samuel 25:1.

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In the first Chapter of 1 Samuel, the story of Samuel's birth is told.

In that Chapter, Hannah petitions the Lord for a son and makes a promise in return.

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In the second Chapter of 1 Samuel, Hannah thankfully praises God for blessing her with a son.

The story of Eli and his evil sons is told. Now, we move forward as Samuel is serving in the temple under the priestly leadership of Eli. God has already called Samuel twice.

1 Samuel 3:8 [NIV]

A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

1 Samuel 3:9 [NIV]

So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening’.”

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

1 Samuel 3:10 [NIV]

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant is listening.”

1 Samuel 3:11 [NIV]

And the LORD said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.

1 Samuel 3:12 [NIV]

At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family – from beginning to end.

1 Samuel 3:13 [NIV]

For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about;

his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them.

1 Samuel 3:14 [NIV]

Therefore I swore to the house of Eli,
‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be
atoned for by sacrifice or offering’.”

1 Samuel 3:15 [NIV]

Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD.

He was afraid to tell Eli the vision,

1 Samuel 3:16 [NIV]

but Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son.”

Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

1 Samuel 3:17 [NIV]

“What was it He said to you?” Eli asked.

“Do not hide it from me.

May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything He told you.”

1 Samuel 3:18 [NIV]

So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him.

Then Eli said, “He is the LORD, let Him do what is good in His eyes.”

1 Samuel 3:19 [NIV]

The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and He let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.

1 Samuel 3:20 [NIV]

And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

Remember These Things:

Even if you believe that you have not received a (formal or informal) call on your life from the Lord, there are still things which He has created you to do.

Let us serve God with gladness.

Psalm 100:2. KJV, RSV.

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