

## New Testament

# Lesson 1 - Old Testament Review

### Aim

- \* to review the Old Testament stories
- \* to learn that God blessed those who trusted Him

### Materials

Bible story of Samuel  
memory cards of Old Testament bible stories  
pictures and titles of Bible stories to cut and paste  
worksheets

### Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. God talks to Samuel
3. Discussion
4. Review of Bible Stories
5. Activities - match pictures and names, memory game, Simon Says, Chinese Whispers
6. Review the aims
7. Prayer

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## 1) Introduction

The Bible is in two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The first part contains the stories before Jesus. The second part is about Jesus and his first followers. Before we begin the New Testament, we will review the stories of the Old Testament. Today we will learn about one person God chose, Samuel.

## 2) God talks to Samuel

God often spoke to his people, the Israelites, through men and women who were called prophets. They had to speak sternly when people did not want to follow God's will. They also had to comfort people when they had a hard time. One of these prophets was Samuel.

Up in the mountains lived a man named Elkanah. His wife Hannah longed very much for a child. Every year she and her husband travelled to the temple in the town of Shiloh. There Hannah prayed to God that she would have a child.

She cried and said, 'God, if you give me a son, and I'll give him to you, and he will serve you throughout his life. "

When Eli, who was a priest in the temple, was told why Hannah was so sad, he told her: "Go home and do not worry. The God of Israel will give you what you have asked of Him."

And it came to pass that Hannah gave birth to a boy called Samuel. She remembered her promise to God, and when Samuel was a little bigger, she went with him to the temple. There he was to stay with Eli. God blessed her with 5 more children. She still loved Samuel and visited him often

One night, when Samuel was sleeping, God called to him. Samuel woke up.

He hurried to Eli and said, "Here I am. Did you call me."

But Eli answered, "I didn't call. Go back to bed."

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For the third time God called Samuel. He got up and went to Eli and once again said, "Here I am. Did you call me."

And Eli realized that it was God who had called the boy. He said to Samuel, "Go to bed. If he calls you again, say: Speak, Lord, I am your servant and I hear you."

And Samuel went and lay down again. And then God called once more, "Samuel, Samuel,"

Samuel replied: "Speak, your servant hears."

People realized that God had chosen Samuel to be his prophet. He also became a judge who told people what was right and wrong.

### **3) Discussion**

What did Hanna promise to do if God gave her a child?

Who did Samuel stay with?

How did God talk to Samuel?

Because Samuel listened when God spoke to him, God could trust him. God chose Samuel to be the first prophet of Israel. He also anointed the first and second kings of Israel, Saul and David

God also calls us. He doesn't use a loudspeaker or a telephone. It is a heart feeling that tells us to trust Him and listen to our conscience. God talks to us through our conscience - a little voice in our head that tells what is right and wrong. If we listen to our conscience and do the right thing we feel good and God will bless us. If we go against our conscience and do something wrong we feel bad. Our conscience tells us to listen to our parents and do what they say. When we do, we feel good. When we don't we feel bad.

In the Bible there are many stories of chosen people who listened and trusted God. When they followed God's direction, they were blessed. When they didn't they lost God's blessing.

### **4) Review of Bible Stories**

Review the Bible stories using pictures and words. Can the children name the Bible characters?

- *Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David, Solomon, Elijah, Daniel*

## **5) Activities**

- \* Worksheet: Help the children to match the pictures and words in the correct order. When this is done they cut and paste the pictures in the correct order and write the correct names under each picture. For younger children only use the first page only
- \* Play the memory game using the pictures
- \* Play “Simon Says” as a listening activity
- \* Play “Chines Whispers” as a listening activity
- \* Worksheets - Find 10 differences between the pictures, Which picture is different?
- \* God Called Samuel - Fill in the missing words and complete the crossword

## **6) Review the lesson aims**

- \* to review the Old Testament stories
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## **7) End with a prayer**



**Hannah Prays to God.** *1 Samuel 1:1-20*

Just after the time of Ruth, in the land of Israel there was a woman called Hannah. Her husband loved her, but Hannah was very unhappy because she did not have any children. Every year they went to the House of God at Shiloh. They took offerings and made sacrifices to God. Hannah went into the House of God and said, "O God, if you will remember me and give me a son, then I will give him to you all the days of his life." Her lips moved as she spoke to God, but she made no noise with her voice. Eli, the chief priest, saw her. He thought she was drunk. But God heard the prayer of Hannah, and sometime later she gave birth to a son. She called him Samuel.



**The Child Samuel in the House of God.** *1 Samuel 1:24-28, 2:12-17, 3:1-21*

While Samuel was still a little boy, Hannah gave him to God. She took him to live with Eli in Shiloh. Eli taught Samuel how to serve God. One night Samuel was lying down in the House of God. Suddenly God called his name. Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call you, go and lie down." This happened three times. Then Eli realized that it must be God calling Samuel. So he told Samuel to answer God and say, "Speak, Lord, your servant hears." God spoke to Samuel many times and he became a great prophet and leader in Israel.

# Samuel, God's Prophet

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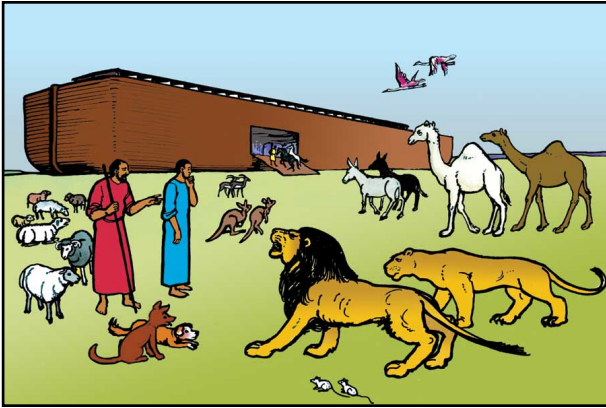
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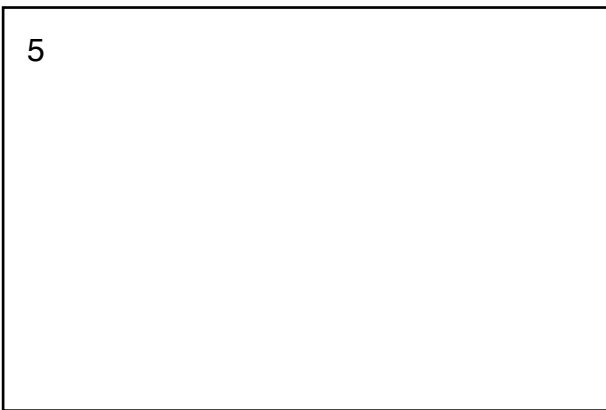
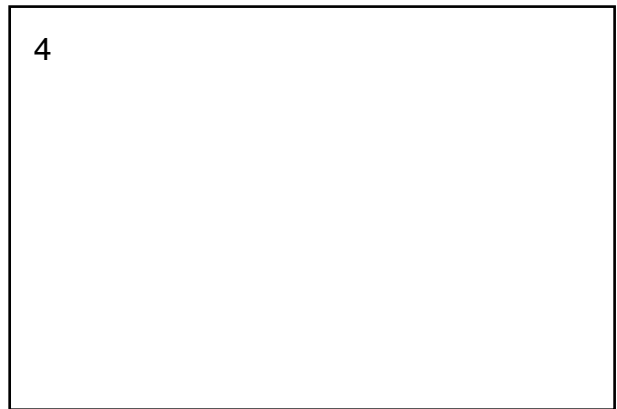
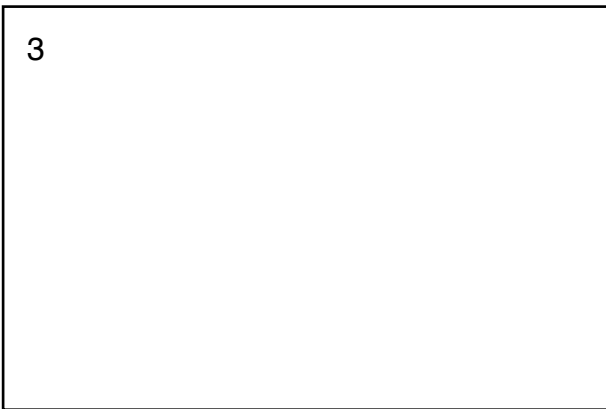
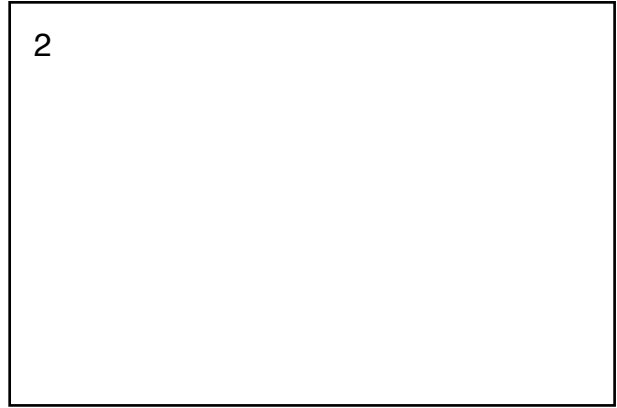
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# The Old Testament

Put the missing pictures and names in the correct order



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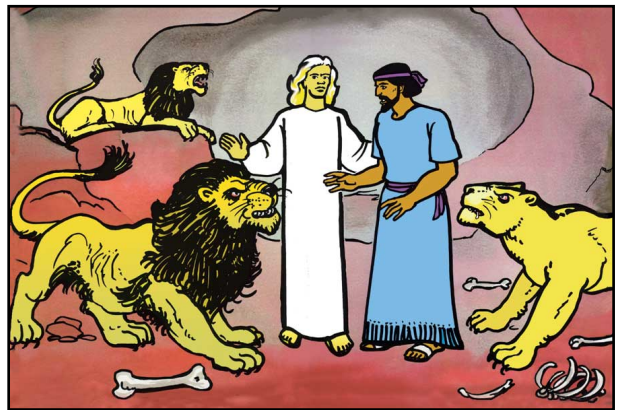


Samuel

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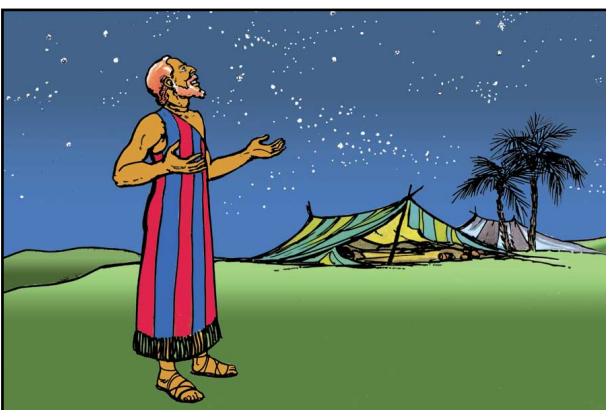
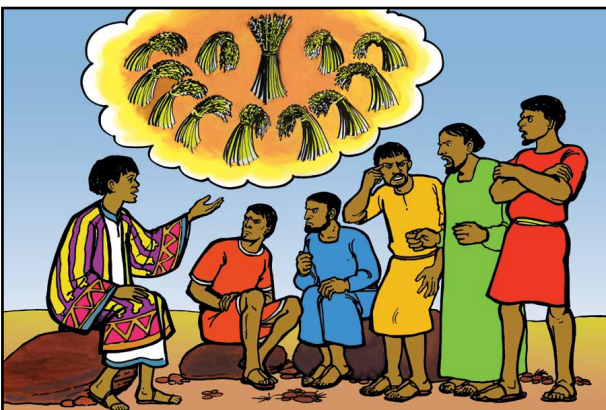


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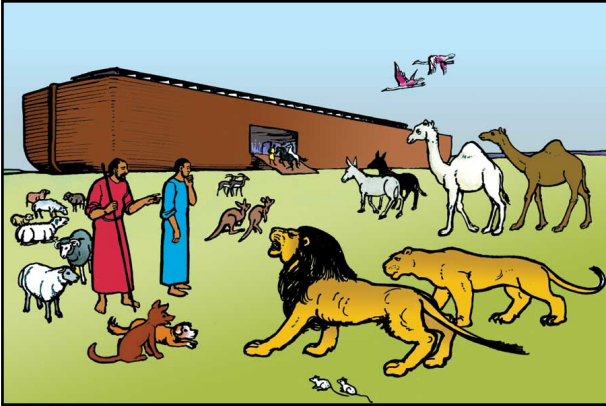
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# Pictures to cut and paste



## Memory cards



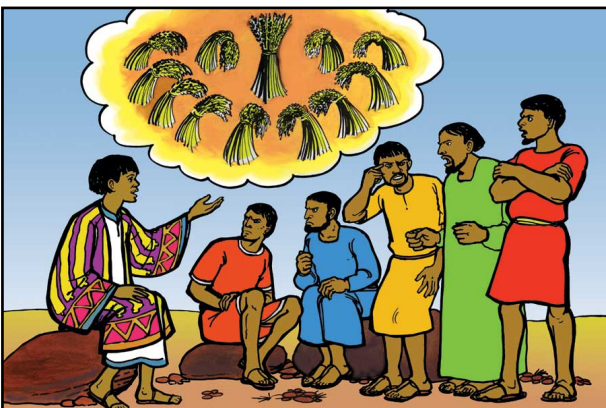
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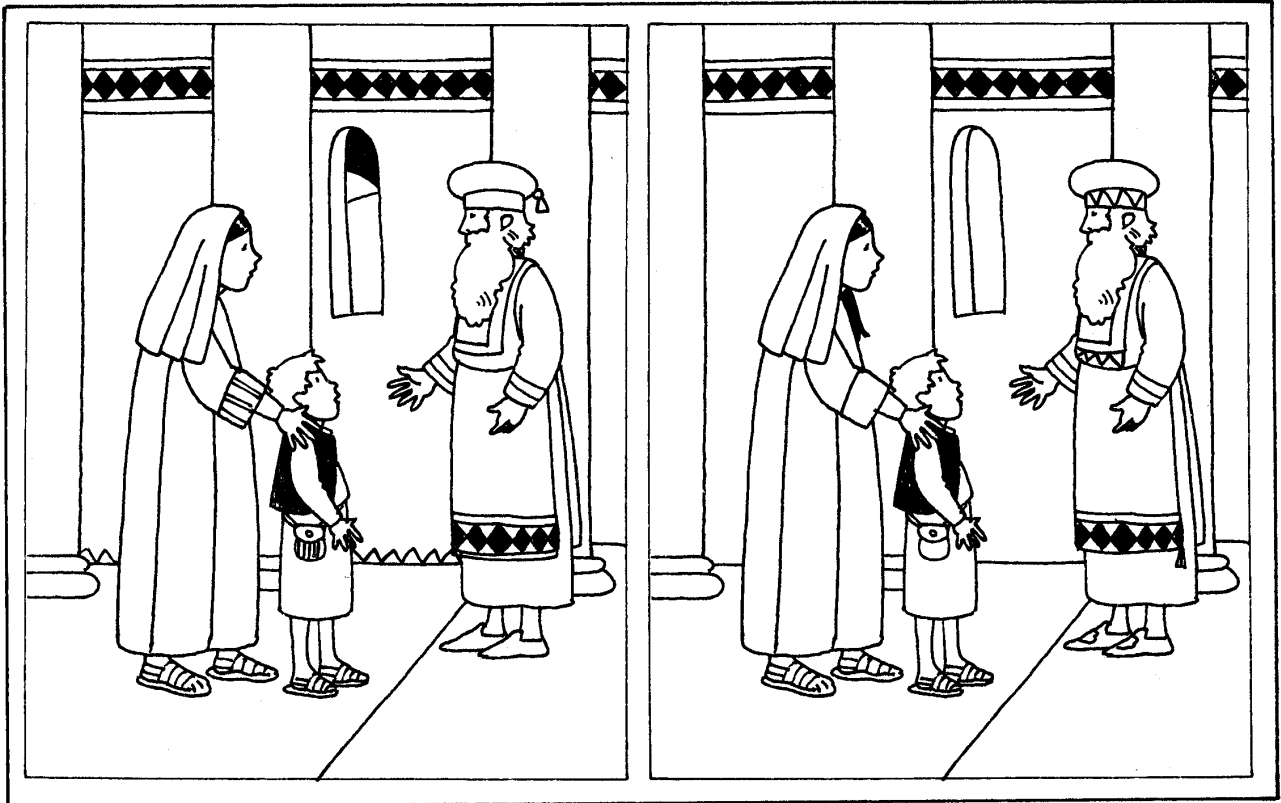
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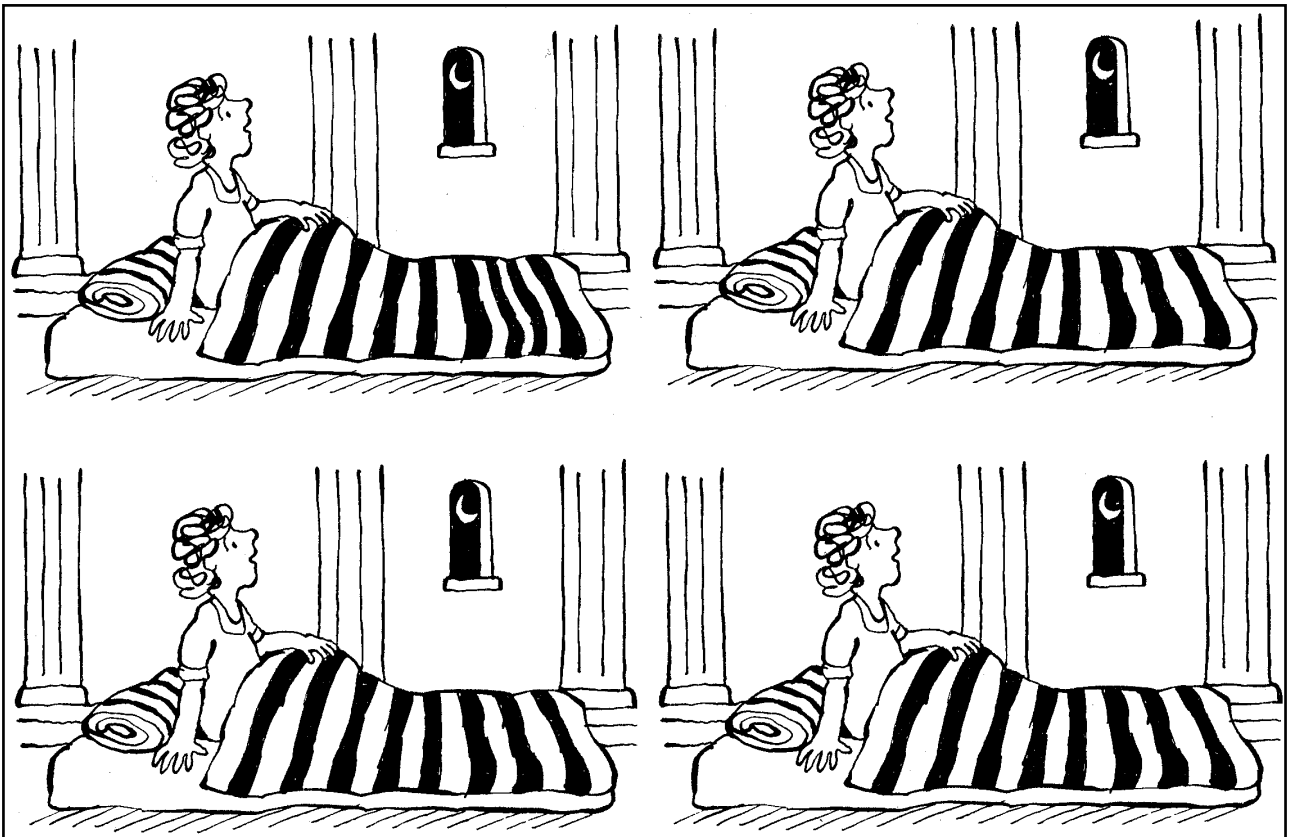
10 pictures and names

Find 10 differences between the pictures



Samuel's mother wanted him to live and work at Eli, the priest's home.

Which picture is different?



Samuel heard when God called

# God Called Samuel



Read 1Samuel 3:1-18 (NIV) and finish the crossword puzzle below.

**Across:**

- 3. The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel (vs.4)
- 4. The LORD called Samuel a \_\_\_\_\_time (vs.8)
- 5. Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ "here I am". (vs.5)

**Down:**

- 1. Samuel said "Speak, for your \_\_\_\_\_ is listening." (vs.10)
- 2. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ ministered before the LORD under Eli. (vs.1)
- 6. \_\_\_ said, "I did not call; go back and lie down" (vs.6)

