

GOD'S GRAND STORY: SAMUEL SERVES

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

1 Samuel 1:10-18, 1 Samuel 1:26-28

Memory Verse

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing. ¹⁵ Then you will be the pure and innocent children of God. You live among people who are crooked and evil, but you must not do anything they can say is wrong. Try to shine as lights among the people of this world,

Philippians 2:14-15



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In Israel, there was a woman named Hannah who was sad because she didn't have any children. She prayed for a son at the temple, promising she would return the child to God. Within that year, she had a baby, Samuel. When he was old enough, she took Samuel to Eli, the priest, saying, "Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will be the Lord's servant for as long as he lives" (1 Samuel 1:28).

As a boy, Samuel served God by helping in the temple. Because Eli's sons did not respect God, he was thankful for Samuel's faithfulness. Samuel also "grew in favor" with the people—they liked him because he cared for them (1 Samuel 2:26). Most importantly, from a young age, Samuel served God. God called him in the middle of the night, and although he was confused at first, Samuel listened once Eli explained to him it was God. He did what God instructed, even though it was scary. Because Samuel obediently served God, "the Lord was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable" (1 Samuel 3:19).

You can also serve God. One way is to obey your parents without complaining and arguing like Samuel obeyed Eli. Another way to serve God is to be kind and helpful to people around you, shining "as lights" (Philippians 2:15) with kind words and helping hands. Lastly, just like Samuel, you can have listening ears for God's voice. He might not call your name out loud in the middle of the night, but he does whisper in your heart. Ask God what he wants you to do, listen to the whisper of the Holy Spirit's voice, and then do the right thing, even if it feels a little scary.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you that I am not too young to serve you. I can start now and serve you as long as I live. Please teach me to hear your voice clearly. Help me obey you and the adults in my life without complaining or arguing, and be a shining light by loving and serving people. Amen.

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