

Sunday School at Home Lesson for 1st – 6th Grades

June 7

SAMUEL IN THE TABERNACLE

Life Point: The Church listens and learns from God.

Level of Biblical Learning: A church is a group of Christians who meet together to worship and serve God. (We look forward to the day when we can be together again!)

Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 2:18-26; 3

Unit Verse: “Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” Psalm 95:6 (CSB)

Weekly Bible Verse: “I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with my eye on you, I will give counsel.” Psalm 32:8 (CSB)

Practice Bible Skills

Materials:

- permanent marker
- 6 or more disposable plastic cups (Write 1 book name on the inside rim of each cup.)
 - 1 Samuel
 - 2 Samuel
 - 1 Kings
 - 2 Kings
 - 1 Chronicles
 - 2 Chronicles

Instructions:

- ❖ Introduce the “first and second” books of Old Testament history: 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles.
- ❖ Show kids the prepared cups, and then place them rim down on a table.
- ❖ Scramble the cups, advising kids to observe the movement of the cups.
- ❖ After about 10 seconds, stop scrambling the cups and challenge your child to tap three cups in what they think is Bible book order.
- ❖ Lead your child to flip over the three cups to reveal whether he/she is correct. If he/she taps cups with the books in order, instruct all the kids to find the three books in their Bibles.
- ❖ Instruct a child to scramble the cups and continue the game.

Introductory Activity

Materials:

- gift bag
- marker
- timer
- 12 index cards (Write 1 phrase per card and drop the cards in a bag.)

toilet flushing
hen clucking
clock ticking
cat purring

owl hooting
water dripping
gum smacking
thunder clapping

fingers typing
feet marching
car horn honking
phone ring tone

Instructions:

- Lead a child to draw a card out of the bag. Set your timer for 30 seconds.
- Challenge your child to make a sound effect that resembles the noise written on the card. Explain that they may not act (charades) or use any of the actual words.
- If someone successfully guesses the sound before time expires, allow him/her to be the next “noisemaker.” Otherwise, reveal the phrase on the card and choose a new volunteer.
- Continue until kids use all of the cards.
- Comment that in today’s Bible story an unexpected sound had a significant effect on the person who heard it.

Bible Story: Samuel in the Tabernacle (1 Samuel 1:24-28; 2:18-26; 3)

- ❖ Sing “[Together](#).”
- ❖ Provide background for today’s Bible story by explaining that every year Hannah and her husband would go to the tabernacle. The tabernacle was a meeting tent where people went to worship God. Year after year Hannah prayed and asked God for a son. She promised God that she would give her son to serve Him. When God gave her a son, she named him Samuel.
- ❖ Encourage kids to listen and learn about Samuel and how he worshiped God.
- ❖ Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 1 and tell the Bible story, or watch the *Bible Story Notebook* portion of the June 7 *Lifeway Kids at Home* video from your Digital Pass Dashboard.*

A woman named Hannah prayed to have a child, and God answered her prayer! Hannah had a son, and she named him Samuel. Hannah kept the promise she made to God before Samuel was born. When Samuel was old enough, she took him to the tabernacle and dedicated him to the Lord. She told the priest, Eli, “For as long as he lives, he belongs to the Lord.”

Samuel grew and helped Eli at the tabernacle. During that time, messages from God were rare, but one night Samuel heard a voice calling his name. Samuel ran to Eli. “Here I am! Did you call me?” Samuel said.

Eli said, “I didn’t call. Go back and lie down.” Two more times Samuel heard God’s voice. Two more times he ran to Eli. Finally, Eli understood. He told Samuel, “The next time you hear the voice, say ‘Speak, Lord! Your servant is listening.’”

Samuel did exactly what Eli said. God told Samuel that Eli’s sons had done bad things. God was planning to punish Eli and all of Eli’s family because of the evil things Eli’s sons had done.

Samuel went back to bed and slept until morning. He did not want to tell Eli about God’s message. When Eli wanted to hear what God had said, Samuel was brave and told Eli the truth.

God continued to give His messages for the people to Samuel. God was with Samuel, and Samuel served God. All the people knew that Samuel was God’s prophet.

Review Questions

- ❖ How did Hannah keep her promise to God? (*When Samuel was old enough, she took him to the tabernacle and dedicated him to God.*)
- ❖ Who did Samuel help at the tabernacle? (*He helped Eli, the priest.*)
- ❖ Who did Samuel think was calling his name in the middle of the night? (*Eli*)
- ❖ Who was actually calling Samuel’s name? (*God*)
- ❖ What message did God give to Samuel? (*He told Samuel that He was planning to punish Eli and his family, because Eli’s sons had done evil things.*)
- ❖ How did God use Samuel? (*God gave Samuel messages for the people. Samuel was God’s prophet.*)

Life Action

- Explain that Jesus often said, “Anyone who has ears should listen” as a reminder to pay attention to what He was teaching (Matthew 11:15; 13:9, 43; Mark 4:9).
- Encourage kids to discuss the ways God speaks to people today.
- Remind kids that God often speaks to His followers at church through prayer, Bible study, the lyrics of a song, or the teaching of pastors and leaders.
- Brainstorm a list of ways that people learn about God.
- Pray, asking God to help each person to be eager to learn about God.

Option: Watch the “Mooseberry Life Application” portion of the June 7 Lifeway Kids at Home video from your Digital Pass Dashboard.

Suggested Activities

Choice 1: DIY White Erase

Materials:

- markers (dry erase and regular)
- lightly patterned scrapbook paper
- scissors
- picture frame with glass or clear heavy-weight plastic file/sheet protectors

Instructions:

- ❖ Say: “Some education experts believe people remember only a small percentage of what they hear—as little as five percent.”
- ❖ Suggest to kids that they can increase how much they remember by making a dry erase board to keep a *visual* record of the things they hear and learn during Sunday School at Home and Pastor Don’s message.
- ❖ Choose one of these options:
 - Cut scrapbook paper to fit inside inexpensive glass frames. Use a marker to write a caption across the top of the scrapbook paper such as “Here’s What I Heard” or “Worth Remembering.” Insert the captioned paper inside the frame and replace the backing.
 - Caption the scrapbook paper as described above. Seal inside a plastic file or sheet protector.
- ❖ Encourage kids to write something they learned today on their dry erase surface (glass or plastic sheet). Suggest that they change the caption each time they learn about God at church.

CHOICE 2: Hearing God Bookmarks

Materials:

- 50-feet of yarn (1 per child)
- 8-inch length of yarn (1 per child)
- 15-inch length of yarn (1 per child)
- scissors (1 pair per child)

Instructions:

- ❖ Distribute yarn to each child.
- ❖ Guide kids to hold one end of the long yarn in their hands and wrap the yarn around their four fingers. Explain that the yarn should be snug but not too tight.
- ❖ Count together and lead kids to wrap the yarn about 100 times around their fingers.
- ❖ Lead kids to gently slide the yarn from their fingers and lay it on top of the 8-inch piece of yarn.
- ❖ Help kids tightly tie a knot around the middle of the loops.
- ❖ Guide kids to tie one end of the final piece of yarn around the yarn used to tie the loops together. This yarn piece will go between the pages of the Bible.

- ❖ Lead each child to slide scissors through the yarn loops and cut the loops to make a pom-pom.
- ❖ As kids work, explain that people usually do not hear God speak aloud, but we can learn and read His words from the Bible.
- ❖ Encourage kids to use the bookmarks as they read their Bibles every day.
- ❖ Invite kids to place their bookmarks in their Bibles at 1 Samuel 1.

WRAP UP

- Encourage your children to be active, focused listeners during the worship service and whenever someone is teaching them about God.

Resources for Your Week

All videos can be viewed for FREE on Right Now Media by signing up for an account at <https://fbcalexandria.org/right-now-media>

[Holy Moly: God Calls Samuel](#)

[Superbook: Samuel and the Call of God](#)