



THE GOSPEL PROJECT UNIT 9.6 JR. Eli & Samuel

Date: Sunday February 15, 2026 **Teachers:** Brittany G (lead), Isaiah D(co-lead)

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 1-3 **Key Passage:** Isaiah 33:22

Props: from home: none **At centre:** ball from the bag, activity sheet, cards-cut out before class

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind Words like our God 3 in One

ACROSTIC OF GOD "Immanuel"

Susan

INTRO BIBLE STORY JR & SR COMBINED: "Guess the sound"

Isaiah

Hold a beanbag/ball and make a familiar sound with your mouth. Examples include a car honking, an airplane soaring, a bee buzzing, a clock ticking, a bird chirping, a dog barking, a cat meowing, Invite kids to guess the sound. If they guess correctly, toss the beanbag/ball to her and invite her to make a sound for the group to guess. In today's Bible story, a boy named Samuel heard a sound. The sound was a voice calling his name. Samuel thought the priest Eli was calling for him, but he was wrong. It wasn't the priest or one of these weird sounds we made, What was it??!

THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO: Samuel

DISCUSSION VIDEO

Mike

Are you a good listener? Do you ever not want to listen? Imagine if Samuel had just put a pillow over his head and gone back to bed!

Why did Emiliano miss out on a better snack? Was it that he couldn't hear or that he wasn't paying attention?

What are some things that can distract us and prevent us from hearing someone at times? [Invite responses.]

Are times that we choose not to hear someone else because we would rather pay attention to someone—or something—else? Just like it is hard for us to hear our parents or a teacher, or someone else, sometimes it is hard to hear from God because we are distracted or not paying attention. How can we hear from God everyday? Through His word the Scriptures He has given us.

DISMISS JR. GR.1'S can choose to join SR or go with JR.

Sing to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It":

Brittany

"When God's people needed help, He sent a judge. [Clap, clap]

When God's people needed help, He sent a judge. [Clap, clap]

But God's people soon forgot just how much they needed God.

When God's people needed help, He sent a judge!" [Clap, clap]

We need a helper too. God sent Jesus to save us!

ACTIVITY: “connect to the mom” materials: (activity sheet)

Isaiah

Invite preschoolers to draw a line connecting each baby with its mommy.

Great job matching the babies to their mommies. In today’s Bible story, a woman named Hannah wanted a baby more than anything. She prayed and asked God to give her a baby, and God did. Hannah had a little boy named Samuel. God had a special plan for Samuel. Let’s find out what that plan was.

ACTIVITY: “How much have you grown” materials: (bring in bathroom scale or measuring tape))

Brittany

You are growing! God had a plan for Samuel when he was young, and God has a plan for you too! Samuel was going to be a messenger and give God’s words to the people. We can share the good news that Jesus gave his life for the whole world.

ACTIVITY: “pretend to be asleep”

Isaiah

Invite children to lay down and close their eyes. When you call a child’s name, she will open her eyes, sit up, and say “I’m listening!” God used Samuel to tell His words to the people. Samuel was a young boy, but God used him to bring His words to the people.

ACTIVITY: “growing up” materials: (construction paper, markers)

Both

Trace each child’s hand on paper, write God has a plan for me even when I’m small! on her paper. Colour and decorate with stickers

God had a plan for Samuel when he was not much older than you. God used Samuel to tell His words to the people. Jesus speaks God’s word.

ACTIVITY: “Guess who called?” materials: none

Isaiah

Position a chair at the front of the room. Choose a volunteer to sit in the chair with her back to the rest of the kids. Point to a kid in the group. He should call out the name of the volunteer in the chair.

For example, “Paige! Paige!” The volunteer should try to guess who is speaking by replying, “Speak, [kid’s name], for I am listening!” Allow the volunteer a few guesses if necessary. Then choose a new volunteer to take her place. Samuel heard his name being called, and it wasn’t Eli, It was God, God had a special plan to use Samuel to bring the people back to Yahweh. **Samuel used God’s words to tell the people what God is like. John 1:1 says that Jesus is the Word. Jesus showed the world what God is like.**

PRAY: Jesus you are everything . Amen

FREE PLAY/COLOURING SHEET