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**REVIEW**

Psalm 121:1-3 – “I look up to the mountains. Does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let you stumble. The One who watches over you will not slumber.”

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**BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

- Ezra (ez-ruh)
- Nehemiah (nee-uh-my-uh)
- Esther (ess-ter)
- Job (jobe)

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**“ROAR”** (that’s lion for “Well done!”)

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“Kids in the Bible: Samuel.” Well done!

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**8 KIDS IN THE BIBLE: SAMUEL**

The Bible is God’s true story. It tells us how to be happy in life, and how to be with God forever. Every story has characters, and the Bible is full of them. Noah, Moses, Joshua, Ruth, David, Elijah, Esther, Peter, Paul. These people, and many others are heroes in God’s story. But, the Bible doesn’t just talk about men and women. Some of its characters are kids, too. Kids like you. One of these kids was Samuel.

Samuel was an amazing man, but before that, he was a great kid. The kid part of his story can be found in the Bible in 1 Samuel, chapters 1 and 3. In chapter 1, Hannah (Samuel’s mom) was not able to have children. This made her so sad. One day, she prayed and prayed and prayed that God would give her a son. She promised God that, if He would give her a son, she would give him back to God, to serve in the tabernacle (kind of like a church), God’s house.



God answered Hannah’s prayer. When the time was just right, God gave a son to Hannah and her husband. They named their new baby boy “Samuel,” which means “heard of God” or “God hears.”

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Proverbs 15:29 – “The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.”

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When Samuel was old enough (likely 3 or 4), Hannah kept her promise to God. She gave her son back to God to serve in His house. Likely, Samuel helped out however he could. Sweeping the floor. Cleaning things. Serving the priests.

One night, perhaps a few years later, Samuel was drifting off to sleep in God's house, and God called out to him: "Samuel." Samuel had not heard God's voice before, so he ran to the high priest, Eli, thinking Eli had called him. Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." Again, God called, "Samuel." Once again, Samuel asked Eli why he called him. And, once again, Eli said, "It wasn't me calling you. Go back to bed." Again, God called, "Samuel." And again, Samuel went to Eli. This time, Eli knew that it must be God speaking to Samuel. He said, "The next time God calls you, say "Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening."



God called out to Samuel once again: "Samuel." Samuel replied, "Speak, for Your servant is listening." And God spoke to Samuel. This was the first of many times that God spoke to him. When Samuel grew up, he was a prophet for God to His people. That means that He spoke God's words to God's people. Sometimes, people listened, and sometimes they chose not to hear them. But Samuel was faithful to speak God's words to His people. He listened and he obeyed.

**MEMORIZE**

**Deuteronomy 13:4 – "Serve only the LORD your God and fear Him alone. Obey His commands, listen to His voice, and cling to Him."**

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Today, we no longer have prophets like Samuel but, thankfully, we have the Bible. Through the Bible, God speaks to us. Through the Bible, God tells us how to live in a way that pleases Him, and in a way that will help us to be happy too.

So, what does Samuel's story and life teach us? Well, Samuel listened to God and obeyed Him. So can we. *We all can listen to God (through His Word, the Bible) and obey Him.*

Hundreds and hundreds of years after Samuel lived, Jesus came to earth. Jesus was God's Son, thus He spoke God's message to God's people. In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus said, "Anyone who listens to My teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house,



it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears My teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

**MEMORIZE**

**Matthew 7:24 – "Anyone who listens to Jesus' teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock."**

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Decide today, and every day, to be wise: to listen to God's Word (the Bible), and to obey His words. If you do, your life will be solid and strong.