

## *We Believe Workshop objectives*

Call of Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1—4:1a

**The Art Workshop** explores 1 Samuel 3:1—4:1a through creative art experiences.

### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Look at cartoons of God speaking to children.
- Write on the cartoon or tell a leader what God might be saying.
- Hear the story of God calling the young boy, Samuel.
- Discuss how God may call children.
- Make a mobile symbolic of God calling Samuel three times.

**The Audiovisual Workshop** explores 1 Samuel 3:1—4:1a through audiovisual media that is heard, viewed or made.

### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Practice listening closely by listening to items that make noise, but are hidden from view.
- View and respond to the “Animated Stories from the Bible: The Story of Samuel” DVD portraying Samuel answering God’s call.
- Identify people in their lives who act in ways that show they are listening to God.
- Name ways in which they can act that will show others that they are listening to God.

**The Computer Workshop** explores 1 Samuel 3:1—4:1a using computers. Sometimes computers are used to tell the story and sometimes they are used to respond to it.

### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Complete a worksheet about different calls they hear in their lives as well as God’s call.
- Hear the story of God’s call to Samuel.
- Memorize the passage 1 Samuel 3:10 using Cal & Marty’s Scripture Memory Game software (older children).
- Take a quiz to see what they learned using Cal & Marty’s Scripture Memory Game software (older children).
- Experience the story of 1 Samuel 3:1—4:1a using the Play and Learn Children’s Bible software (younger children).
- Play a game, color a picture, or solve a puzzle using the Play and Learn Children’s Bible software (younger children).

**The Drama/Storytelling Workshop** explores 1 Samuel 3:1–4:1a by retelling the story in ways that help children remember it.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Create puppets of Eli and Samuel.
- Present the Bible story to one another.
- Consider how God calls all people, of any age, to be God’s servants and messengers.

**The Games and Puzzles Workshop** explores 1 Samuel 3:1–4:1a by having children play biblically related games or puzzles.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Practice their listening skills through three activities: Listening to the Voices, The Listening Game, and Samuel Says.
- Hear the story of Samuel’s call and discuss ideas about the emotions and actions of the characters.
- Consider why it was hard for Samuel to understand that it was God calling him and how it is sometimes difficult for us to know when God is speaking to us.
- Play a balloon game and discuss what is meant by the Scripture passage that says God kept Samuel’s words from falling to the ground.
- Talk about how we sometimes need others to help us recognize God’s call in our lives.

**The Music and Worship Workshop** explores 1 Samuel 3:1–4:1a through music and makes the connection to worship in PC(USA) congregations.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Hear the story of God calling Samuel and of Eli helping Samuel to hear God’s call.
- Learn the “Can You Hear Me Now?” rap about Samuel.
- Make rain sticks to use with the rap about Samuel.
- Hear how God is calling them and how sometimes we need other faithful people to help us hear and answer God’s call.

**The Bonus: Discovery Workshop** explores 1 Samuel 3:1–4:1a with activities that help children learn about God’s messages to them.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in sound and listening experiments.
- Listen and take notes or draw pictures of the sounds around them.
- Hear and discuss the story of Samuel.
- Make a “Heart Phone” to help them focus on what God puts on their heart.