



Lesson: God Calls Samuel

October 8 & 12

Small Group Guide: Olders

Call Back:	God Calls Us!
Bible Skill - Pre-Activity	Books of the Bible Sticks – students will be writing the names of the books of the OT on sticks. They will be using them to memorize the books of the OT this whole unit.
Memory Verse: Isaiah 43:1	Scrambler: There will be a puzzle of this verse that you will use to memorize this scripture. Put the puzzle together and read as a group.
Scripture:	SGG Reads 1 Samuel 3:1-21 to the students.
Observation Questions:	When Samuel heard God calling him, he did not know it was God. God calls out to all of us, but we do not always recognize or hear God's voice, either. 1. What types of things in your life make it hard to hear God calling you? (school, family, technology, sports, or not paying attention) 2. What are some ways that we might be able to quiet our lives down a little bit and listen for God's voice? (church, pray, be still) Eli was a good teacher for Samuel. 3. Who are the people in your lives who help us understand things and who teaches us about our faith? (parents, teachers, coaches, pastors) 4. Think about one person in your life who is like an Eli for you – take time for each student to share about their person.
Application And/or Activity:	Tell the students that Samuel was a prophet and a prophet is someone who shares God's word

	with others even when it is difficult for them to hear. Being a prophet is very important but also can be difficult. BEING A PROPHET: Read the three scenarios and discuss as a group. Tell them that you will work together to come up with a response. 1. What is a response that would help you get along with your friends? 2. What is a "Godly" response? 3. Talk about the different outcomes of the responses. Answers will vary by group. The correct answer are ones that lead to God's love and compassion towards everyone. Talk about forgiveness/repentance. Saying we are "sorry". GUESS THE VOICE: Play this game to help you start thinking about God's voice. 1. Think up a line from a movie or TV show. Now think of the character and their voice from that movie or TV show. 2. Say the line to the group using the same voice the character has. 3. See if the group can guess the character. 4. How did you recognize the voice/character of the movie or TV show? 5. How can we recognize God's voice? 6. How does God get our attention?
Prayer:	God, thank you for calling Samuel and for Samuel's ability to hear God's voice. We know that you are calling us to tell your story too. Help us listen and hear you when you call us. Amen