Preschool | November 8

Today's Bible Story: God Calls Samuel • 1 Samuel 1; 2:11; 3
Key Question: Who can I listen to and obey?
Teaching Focus: I can listen to and obey God.
Monthly Memory Verse: *"Trust in the Lord and do good."* • Psalm 37:3a NLT

1. Opening & Prayer

"Hi, friends! Today we're going to watch a Bible story called *God Calls Samuel*. As you watch, listen carefully to find out: **Who can I listen to and obey?** But first, let's pray.
Dear God, thank You for speaking to us through Your Word. Help us listen carefully and obey You. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

2. Video Lesson on Jellyfin & Practice Monthly Memory Verse

3. Samuel's Listening Ears



What You Need:

- Samuel's Listening Ears activity page, printed on white cardstock, one per child
- Crayons or washable markers and star stickers
- Sentence strips, double-sided tape, permanent marker, and stapler

What You Do:
Before the Activity: The prep team should print one activity page per child on white cardstock and cut out both ears and the scripture rectangle along the dashed lines. Place the three pre-cut pieces, crayons or washable markers, and star stickers at each child's spot. Write each child's name on the back. Keep the sentence strips, double-sided tape, and stapler with the teachers.
During the Activity: Encourage the children to color both ears and the scripture rectangle. Invite them to add star stickers. When a child is finished, use double-sided tape or stapler to attach one ear behind each side of the scripture rectangle. Center the rectangle on a sentence strip and tape or staple it in place. Fit the sentence strip gently around the child's head and staple the ends together. Only adults should use the stapler.
After the Activity: Invite the children to wear their listening ears and cup their hands behind their ears. Connect the headband to the Bible Story and review the Teaching Focus.

What You Say:
Before the Activity: "Come on over, friends! In today's Bible Story, Samuel heard God call his name. Samuel listened and was ready to obey. Let's make listening ears to help us remember Samuel's story."
During the Activity: "Color both listening ears and the scripture rectangle. *(Allow time to color.)* Now add some star stickers. The words on the rectangle are what Samuel said when God called

him: “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Your ears help you hear. We listen to God by paying attention to His Word and doing what He says.”
After the Activity: “Put on your listening ears and cup your hands behind them. Samuel listened when God called him, and Samuel was ready to obey. **Who can I listen to and obey?** God! ***[Teaching Focus]*** **I can listen to and obey God.**”

4. **The Rizers: John 3:16 (For God So Loved) | Optional Worship Song**

What You Need:

- QR code for The Rizers: John 3:16 (For God So Loved) (below)
- Device to scan the QR code and play the song
- Speakers, if needed

What You Do:
Before the Activity: Scan the QR code and have the song ready to play. Invite the children to stand where they have room to move.
During the Activity: Play the song and invite the children to clap, sway, and sing along. Use three simple motions: place both hands over your heart for God’s love, make a large circle with your arms for the world, and point up for Jesus. Repeat the song if time allows.
After the Activity: Remind the children that God loved the world so much that He gave us Jesus. Review the Key Question and Teaching Focus from today’s Bible Story.

What You Say:
Before the Activity: “Friends, we’re going to sing a Bible verse song about how much God loves us! Stand up and make a little space. Watch me and join in with these simple motions.”
During the Activity: “When you hear about God’s love, put both hands over your heart. When you hear about the world, make a big circle with your arms. When you hear about Jesus, point up. Let’s sing and remember how much God loves us!”
After the Activity: “God loves you! John 3:16 tells us that God loved the world so much that He gave us Jesus. Today we heard how Samuel listened when God called him. Who can I listen to and obey? God! [Teaching Focus] I can listen to and obey God.”