

## LESSON 12

### SAMUEL

#### 1 Samuel 3

The boy Samuel lived at the Tabernacle, a special place where the people of Israel worshipped God. He helped Eli the priest.

One night when Samuel was in bed, a voice called his name. Samuel thought it was Eli calling, and went to him. This happened three times, but each time, when Samuel went to Eli, he had not called him.

Then Eli knew that it must be God who wanted to speak to Samuel, and told Samuel to say, "Speak Lord, for your servant hears".

So Samuel went back to his bed and when the voice called again, he answered as Eli had said. God spoke to Samuel and gave him a message for Eli.

### ACTIVITY

Use a variety of materials to complete this picture, eg striped chux for curtain, confetti for Samuel's top or rug, etc. Alternatively, use material or cut a paper rug for the bed and fringe the edges.

### FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make your own picture of Samuel asleep. Have a black background, with moon and stars, use paddlepop sticks in an "H" form for the bed. Draw Samuel asleep, and cover him with a piece of material for the rug.

Weave a paper square to be a colourful rug for Samuel. Use a small shoebox for the bed; add Samuel made out of playdough, pipe cleaners or a dolly peg, and cover with the rug. Use this to act out the story.

Discuss the work in the Tabernacle - polishing, dusting, etc. Bring some dust cloths along and children can show how they would work in the Tabernacle.

