



LESSON - Faith GROWS!

Hey Victory Kids! Today we are going to talk about how faith grows. Faith grows when we hear God's Word (The Bible), follow Jesus, and trust Him!

We are going to learn about a person named Samuel. .

SAY IT: Can you say Samuel?

Samuel was just a little kid like many of you when he lived with the priest Eli. One night, Samuel heard someone call his name. He thought it was Eli, but it was God! Samuel listened and said, "Speak, Lord. I'm listening!" And guess what? God talked to him! Samuel heard God's voice and paid attention. When we listen to the Bible, we are listening to God too!

DO IT: Cup your hand around your ear like you're listening.

SAY IT: I can listen to God!

God gave Samuel a message to share but he had to listen to hear it.

DO IT: Let's see who can play the quiet game and be very quiet.

We know you are young, but God speaks to you too.

SAY IT: Now say, God speaks to me!

When God spoke to Samuel he obeyed, even though it was hard. We can obey God too by doing what is right (do a thumbs up here)!

DO IT: Can you give me a big thumbs up!

SAY IT: Now can you say, "I can obey God!"

Samuel kept helping in God's house, praying, and learning more. That's how he stayed close to God and grew in faith. Just like Samuel grew strong in his faith by listening, obeying, and staying close to God, we can too!

SAY IT: I can stay close to God!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me and speaking to me. Help me listen to You, obey You, and stay close to You every day. I want to grow strong in my faith just like Samuel. In Jesus' Name, Amen..

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

Question 1: Did Samuel hear God calling him? **(Yes)**

Question 2: Did Samuel run away from God's voice? **(No)**

Question 3: Did Samuel live with Eli? **(Yes)**

Question 4: Does God speak to us too? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

Question 1: Who did Samuel live with? **Eli**

Question 2: What did Samuel say when God called again? **Speak, Lord. I'm listening!**

Question 3: Does God speak to us? **Yes, He does.**

Question 4: How can we stay close to God? **Pray, read the Bible, etc.**



TEACHING GUIDE - PRESCHOOL & VSN

Monthly Theme: Wild West Faith

"Have faith in God." Mark 11:22

ACTIVITY 1: FAITH FACE-OFF: GROWING STRONG TOGETHER

Items Needed: N/A

Connection: In the Wild West, cowboys had to listen carefully to their trail boss to know where to go and what to do. In today's game, "Face Off," we'll practice listening closely and copying what we see and hear, just like Samuel listened to God and obeyed Him!

Step 1: In this game, the teachers will have the students gather into groups of two. Everyone finds a partner.

Step 2: Each student will face the other and begin to "Face Off..

Step 3: Students will mimic each other's movements, silly faces, or silly dance moves in this game. The game will continue until time allow.

ACTIVITY 2: TUMBLEWEED COUNTING

Connection: In the Wild West, tumbleweeds can be hard to find, just like God's voice when we're distracted. But Samuel listened closely, and we can too! In this game, we'll slow down and search for tumbleweeds, just like Samuel listened for God's voice.

Step 1: There will be 10 tumbleweed printouts for teachers to hide around the classroom.

Step 2: Students will close their eyes as teachers stick the tumbleweed cutouts around the room.

Step 3: Time to find the tumbleweeds! Have the students look around the room! Collect them all!

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY

Items Needed: Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

WILD FAITH IN JESUS CRAFT

Items Needed: Fun Express Southwest VBS Stand-up Cross Craft kit

Connection: The Wild West could be full of noise and adventure—but Samuel learned to pause and listen for God's voice. This cross reminds us to have wild west faith too: faith that listens, trusts, and follows Jesus no matter what. Just like Samuel, we can hear God when we slow down and open our hearts to Him.

COLORING SHEET: SAMUEL COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Samuel hears and answers the voice of God. h

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

‘Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening.’ - 1 Samuel 3:9 ICB

