



TODDLERS

Samuel

Synch up what your child is learning in Sunday School with what you are teaching at home.

Key Question

Who loves you?

Basic Truth

God loves me.

Bottom Line

God talks with me.

Bible Stories

August 23rd:

Hannah Prays to God
(1 Samuel 1:2-20)

August 30th:

God calls Samuel
(1 Samuel 3:1-10, 3:19)

September 6th: Samuel Anoints David
(1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Have questions or need some encouragement? Contact Denise Petek at dpetek@cvconline.org.



SIMPLE WAYS TO BRING THE LESSONS HOME



MORNING TIME

When you first see your child in the morning, give him a big hug and say, "Good morning! I love you! Let's listen to the birdsong." Open a window (or go outside), and listen. Say, "We can hear the birds with our ears, but sometimes we can listen in other ways. God speaks to us all the time, but not usually in a voice we hear with our ears. God speaks through His Word, through His people, and through His creation. Let's make sure we know what He is telling us, so that we can follow Him!"



PLAY TIME

During play time, set out every Bible storybook you own. Remind your child that Samuel was just a boy when he heard God speaking to him and calling his name. God still speaks to us! The way He speaks most often is through His Word. If we want to hear from God we can read the Bible. Then, read through all the Bible stories that your child requests, starting with Samuel's story!



DRIVE TIME

As you drive in the car with your child, ask some questions to which you don't have the answers. Use your surroundings for inspiration. Here are examples:

How many people are in that grocery store right now?

What are the people talking about in the car next to us?

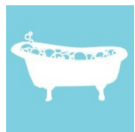
Does that woman's heart love God?

After asking each question, say, "I don't know! But who does know?"

Lead your child to say, "God knows!"

Then say, "Yes! God knows everything! Who knows everything?"

Encourage your child to say, "God knows everything!"



BATH TIME

As you wash your child's face during bathtime, ask her to show you a happy face. Then, ask her to show you a mad face, a scared face, and a sad face. Pose this question, "Can you pray to God when you are happy?" The answer, of course, is yes. Go through each emotion, and remind your child that she can talk to God no matter how she feels! God loves to hear from her!



CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray, "Father in heaven, You are SO big and SO powerful. You hear ALL the prayers in the world at the same time, and You care about each one. Wow! Thank you for listening and for caring. Help us to love to talk with you. Help us to remember to pray all the time. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."