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See 1 Samuel 3:1-10 in **The Catholic Children's Bible** for the full story.

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He served God in the Temple.

But he had never heard the Lord **speak** to him.

One night Samuel was sleeping by the **ark of the Lord**.



Samuel **heard** someone calling his name.

He woke up and said, "Yes, sir!"

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Glossary

appear - to come into sight or become visible

ark of the Lord - the chest that held the tablets with the Ten Commandments

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obey - to do what is asked of you by someone in charge

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repeated - to say something again

servant - a person who does duties for someone else

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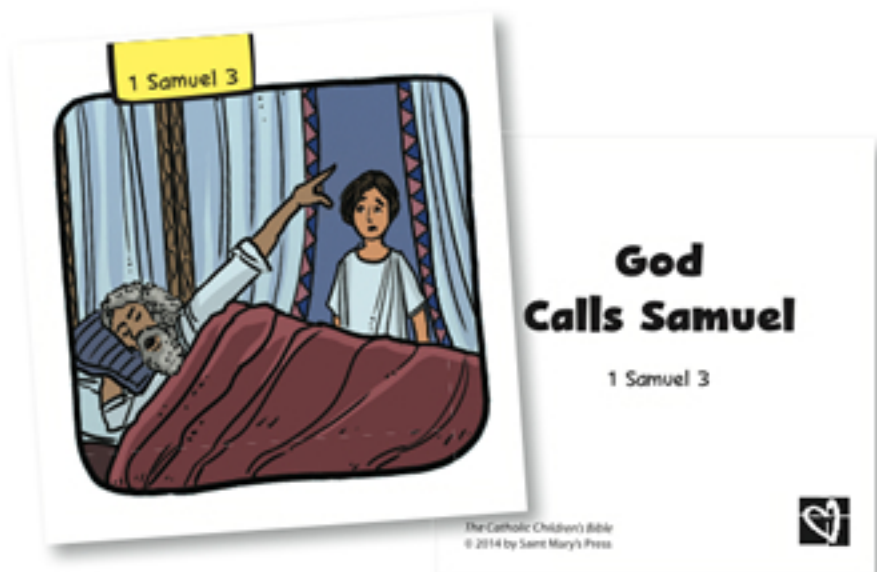
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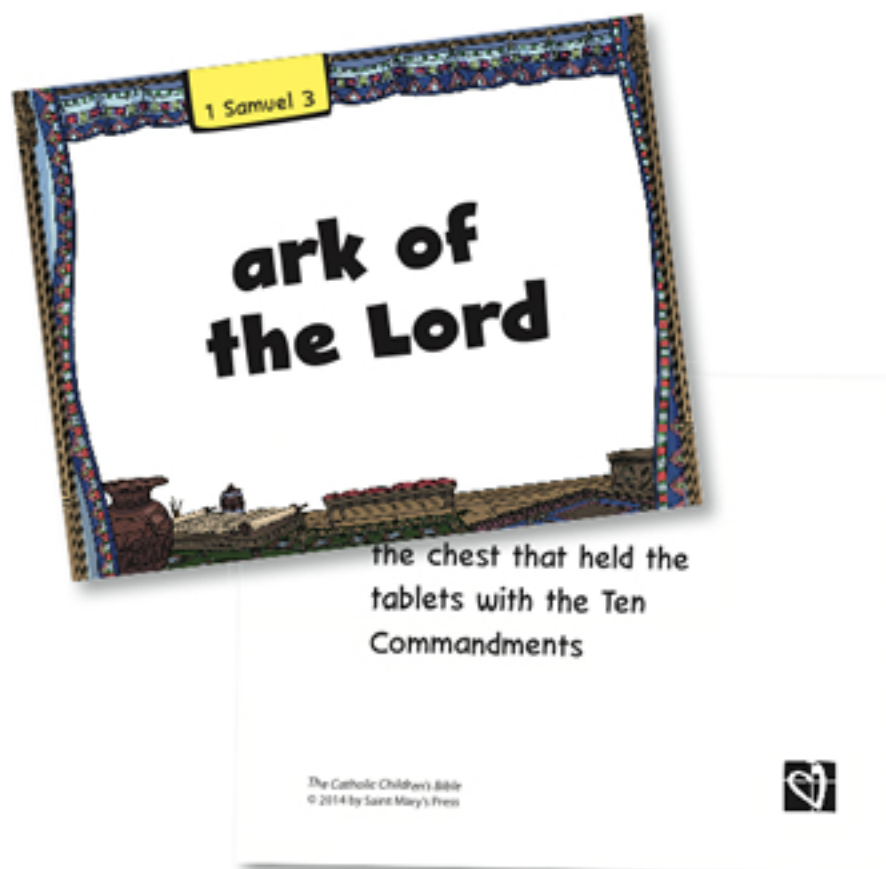
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Reinforce comprehension with *The Catholic Children's Bible Tell It! Cards*.



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Samuel Obeys Eli

Samuel quickly got out of bed and ran to Eli's room.

Samuel said to Eli, "You called me, and here I am."

Eli told Samuel, "No, I did not call you. Go back to bed."

Samuel **obeyed** Eli and went back to bed.

When Samuel was back in bed, he heard the same voice again.

Samuel did not know it was the Lord's voice speaking to him.

He still thought it was Eli calling him.

So he got out of bed and ran to Eli's room again.




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The Lord Continues to Call Samuel

Samuel said to Eli, "You called me, and here I am."

Eli **repeated** to Samuel, "No, I did not call you. Go back to bed."

Samuel obeyed Eli for the second time.



He went back to bed.

Samuel heard the voice again.

The Lord did not give up calling him.

He called to Samuel a **third** time, "Samuel!"

Samuel thought it was Eli calling him again.

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Samuel ran to Eli's room for the third time.

He said to Eli, "You called me, and here I am."

Eli knew that he was not the one calling the boy.


But who could it be?

Eli realized it was the Lord calling the boy.

Eli told Samuel, "Go back to bed and listen again for the voice."

Eli told Samuel to say, "Speak, Lord. Your **servant** is listening."

Samuel obeyed Eli and went back to bed.



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Samuel Answers the Lord

The Lord **appeared** to Samuel when he went back to bed.

The Lord stood by his bed.

The Lord called, "Samuel!"



The Lord called again, "Samuel!"

It was the fourth time the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel did as Eli told him.

Samuel answered the Lord.

He said, "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."

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Guiding Comprehension Questions

Literal Questions

- Why did Samuel go to Eli's room during the night?
- Where was Samuel sleeping?
- Why did Samuel not recognize the Lord's voice?

Implied Questions

- How did Eli realize that the Lord was calling Samuel?
- Why didn't Eli realize that the Lord was calling Samuel the first time Samuel came into his room?
- How do you think Samuel felt when he heard his name being called?

Applied Questions

- How do you know if the Lord is calling you?
- How can you be an obedient to someone as Samuel was to Eli?
- What do you think the Lord would tell you if he spoke to you?