



GOD CALLS OUT TO SAMUEL

LESSON 1

WONDER TRUTH:
God Speaks

SCRIPTURE:
[1 Samuel 3](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY:
God calls to young Samuel in an audible voice. Samuel mistakes God's voice for Eli the priest's voice. But with Eli's help, Samuel eventually realizes it is God and listens to His message.

WORD OF WONDER:
Work together on memorizing this verse!

[James 4:8a](#)

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

Watch God's Big Story



Early
Elementary



Late
Elementary

**Listen to
our Playlist**



Wonder about it!

What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?

How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

Bible Memory: Word of Wonder Telephone

The Word of Wonder for the God Speaks series helps us remember that when we come near to God, He will come near to us! Practice the Word of Wonder and polish up on your listening skills through a game of Telephone. Sit in a circle as a family. Choose one person to go first and give her the memory verse—James 4:8a. Invite her to whisper the verse to the person to her right, who will then whisper the verse by memory to the person to his right. Continue until the last family member hears the verse. The last person in the circle can repeat what she heard out loud and compare it to the Word of Wonder.

For an extra challenge, invite the first person to whisper the verse and act it out with original motions. Each person after her will do their best to repeat the verse and the motions. At the end, see how close the verse and motions are to the original.

Family Conversations

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

What would you think or do if you heard an unknown voice speak to you? • If you knew God was speaking out loud to you, how would you respond to Him? • Do you think God has ever spoken to you? If you think He has, what did He say to you?

Create It! - Family Chant

The words we speak out loud are important and powerful! As a family, practice speaking God's truth about who you are by creating and repeating a family chant.

Your chant can be a short rhyming poem or just a statement you would like for your family to remember. Once you come up with the words, add motions to help you remember it. Here's an example: *God loves the Howard family and calls us by name! We love each other all the same!*

Call out "Family Chant" at various times throughout the week to prompt everyone to say the chant along with the motions. Let your chant be a reminder that God calls out to us, and when we're listening to Him, we can respond!