



October 12, 2025, God Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-21

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God who calls, open our ears to listen for your voice amid the clamor of our daily lives. Help us to discern your call from among the many distractions that confront us each day, that we might live each day according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
(1 Samuel 3:10)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

It takes several tries before young Samuel realizes that the one calling him in the night is God, rather than his master Eli. But delivering God's message will prove even trickier.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time God called you to do something you were reluctant to do. (When was it hard to do the right thing?) How did you find the courage to do it?
- How would your 11-year-old self have responded to a call by God?
- For the littles: What can you do to serve God?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you courage to come when called. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Compare a current news story in a variety of news outlets. Check the newspaper, TV networks, and social media. How is the story different depending on whose voice is speaking? Who do you believe? Why?



Go Deeper: Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](https://www.clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *The Ark of God Captured*, 1 Samuel 4:1-11

Tuesday: *Philistines and the Ark*, 1 Samuel 5:1-12

Wednesday: *The Ark Returned*, 1 Samuel 6:1-16

Thursday: *Israel Demands a King*, 1 Samuel 8:1-18

Friday: *Samuel Anoints Saul as King*, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8

Saturday: *Saul Rejected as King*, 1 Samuel 15:10-34