

# Season 2 Study 1: Samuel's Call

# THE BIG YEAR

*A Journey through God's Word*

***Did you discover anything interesting or unusual in what you read in God's Word this week?  
Was there anything that encouraged, challenged or confused you?***

1. Have you ever experienced God talking to you? How did you know it was God? What did He say?
2. In what you've read so far in 1 Samuel, in what ways is Samuel a 'type' of Jesus?

## **READ 1 SAMUEL 3:1-21 TOGETHER**

3. vs 1 tells us that the 'Word of the Lord' was rare in those days. What does this mean, and why do you think this was the case?
4. What might our narrator be hinting at by mentioning Eli's failing eyesight and the 'lamp of God' (vs 2-3)?
5. How do you think God spoke to young Samuel (vs 4)? Do you think it was an 'inner voice', or an audible one?
6. Samuel worked in the temple, serving the priest Eli, but didn't 'know the Lord' (vs 7)! How can this be the case?
7. How is Samuel's response to God's voice a wonderful example for us? (vs 10)
8. What was the first message that God entrusted to young Samuel (vs 11-14)? Why would this be a particularly tough message to deliver, and why do you think God gave this to Samuel as his first prophetic word?
9. How did Eli take the word from Samuel (vs 18)? Do you think he was expecting it, or already knew it to be true?
10. What does it mean in vs 19 that Samuel's words 'never fell to the ground'?
11. What was Samuel's official role in Israel (vs 20)? How does one establish themselves in such an office?
12. Imagine a friend comes to you and says they believe God has spoken to them. What sort of questions would you ask them to 'test the call'?

***Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man.  
(1 Samuel 2:26)***