

# FEAR BUSTERS

There was a kid with giant ears  
He must have looked so odd!  
They must have been so very big  
To hear the Living God.

But that's not true, no not at all  
I'm afraid it's fiddlesticks!  
Samuel was the kid that heard  
And he wasn't playing tricks.

He was a normal regular kid,  
Who just so happened to hear.  
The Lord who called him late one night  
And spoke right in his ear.

"Samuel, Samuel," the voice it rang  
While the kid was curled in bed.  
"Here I am!" the boy replied.  
Then ran to Eli and said:

"Here I am! You called me,"  
But Eli hadn't heard.  
"I didn't call! Now go lie down!"  
Eli thought it all absurd.

But once again the voice it rang  
While Samuel tried to sleep.  
"Samuel!" the sound it stirred  
And Samuel couldn't keep.

He ran to Eli and said again  
although a bit bemused:  
"Here I am! You called me,"  
But Eli looked confused.

"My son, I didn't call you,"  
He looked into his eyes.  
Samuel must have thought it strange  
And was possibly a bit surprised.

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Then creeping back inside his bed  
And wondering who it could be  
The voice it cried another time  
"Samuel!" but he couldn't see.

So Samuel went to Eli again  
Probably beetroot red!  
This was the third time after all  
That he'd got out of his bed!

He must have been a little embarrassed  
I wonder if he was shy,  
"Here I am, you called me"  
Then he waited for Eli's reply.

Then Eli had a lightbulb moment  
It suddenly came to his mind.  
It wasn't he who called the lad -  
But of course, the Lord, you will find!

Go check the Book! And you will see!  
God was calling out.  
He wanted to see what Samuel would do.  
Would he listen or would he shout?

"Go back to bed and if He calls  
Just remember then to say:  
"Speak Lord, your servant's listening"  
That was Eli's advice that day

So Samuel did as Eli asked  
He was an obedient child.  
And then God spoke with unrelenting force -  
His word - it wasn't mild.

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"The word I gave to Eli  
Will now soon come to pass  
Eli and his sons all sinned"  
Samuel must have thought: alas!

He kept the word 'til morning  
And didn't tell anyone  
But Eli made him tell him  
So the Lord's work would be done.

Samuel was obedient  
And didn't act in fear.  
He now had learned to listen to God  
And to draw to the Lord, so near.

So know that if you are a kid  
Or if you're fully grown  
You can listen out for God  
As you're already fully known.

The Lord, He had called out the name  
Of Samuel, that child.  
He knows exactly who you are  
And if you're tame or wild.

You don't need giant ears to hear  
Or great big eyes to see  
You only need a heart that's willing  
To be all He's called you to be.

God; He speaks in so many ways  
Through dreams and people too.  
So why not listen out for Him?  
And you'll realise it's true.

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## **Im:Merse**

### **1 Samuel 3**

1. Where was Samuel lying down? (v3)
2. How many times did God call Samuel? (v8)
3. What did all of Israel believe Samuel was? (v20)

### **Think about...**

How often in a day do you stop and listen for what God wants to say to you?

### **Im:Itate**

God wants to speak to each of us. Sometimes we can become distracted by all the different things we have to do, things we want to watch or listen to. Perhaps we have been listening to what other people think and not listening to God.

Try speaking to one another across the room, but play some really loud music over the top. Keep speaking, and slowly turn the music down. Is it easier to hear one another now?

This week we have an amazing opportunity to listen to the voice of God and hear what He wants to say. Staying at home can mean that we want to find things to entertain ourselves constantly. It's tempting to just fill our time with things that help us forget what is happening. But doing that won't help us when we feel scared. Wouldn't it be great if, as a family, we came out of isolation hearing from God in a much clearer way?

Hearing from God helps our fears go away because we realise that we have a God in Heaven who is greater than anything in this Universe. We can know that He wants to bring us close and He is with us.

Samuel heard God three times. Sometimes it may take us a while before we recognise God's voice. Samuel thought Eli was speaking to him. This week try to spend some time listening to God as a family, and on your own in your room. Don't worry if it takes some time before you recognise His voice. He is with you. Just keep saying "Speak Lord, your servant is listening" and soon He will.

### **im:Power**

Thank You God that You want to speak to us. Help us to listen to Your voice. We want to have Your peace and to know we can hear Your voice. Amen.

### **web:link**

**[God Speaks to Samuel](#)**



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**1SAMUEL3:10B**