

## Devotion 2 Here I am Lord

Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

For families with kids ages 2 years old through 5th grade: Play a few rounds of hide and seek. On the last round you play, have one of the parents be the “seeker”. After you’ve counted to your designated number, call for each of your children by name, asking them to come meet you in whatever your starting or counting place is (do it in a kind and caring way, not a taunting way). If they don’t come out of their hiding spot, go find them. After everyone is together again, ask why they did or didn’t come out of their hiding spot when you called.

For families with kids ages 6th through 9th grade:

Question for everyone: Is it easier for you to listen or to talk?

For Everyone:

Say: In our Bible reading today we are going to hear about Samuel being called by God. When Samuel first hears God talk to Him, he does not recognize that it is God calling Him rather than Elijah who was His teacher.

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10 together

Say: It took 3 times for Samuel and Eli to realize that it was God who was calling for Samuel. Even though it took so long for Eli and Samuel to know what was happening, God continued to call Samuel. When Eli figured it out, he told Samuel to answer God by saying, “Speak, Lord,

your servant is listening.” Typically, we don’t hear God’s voice calling out to us like Samuel did, but God is still calling for us today. In the first Bible reading for the week we heard about Jesus calling the disciples to be fishers of men. God’s call to Samuel is different from how the disciples were called but both show us that it is important to listen for God’s calling. How do we know when God is calling us? As we read our Bibles, we learn more about God and can find out that the call from Matthew 28:19-20 is also our calling! It says, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” These verses tell us that God has called us to show His love to others and teach them more about Him so that others around us can be in Heaven with us!

## Discussion Questions

After the discussion questions, take time to pray together.

Some prayer ideas: -that God would help us to listen before we speak  
-that God would help prepare us to listen to His call and go make disciples