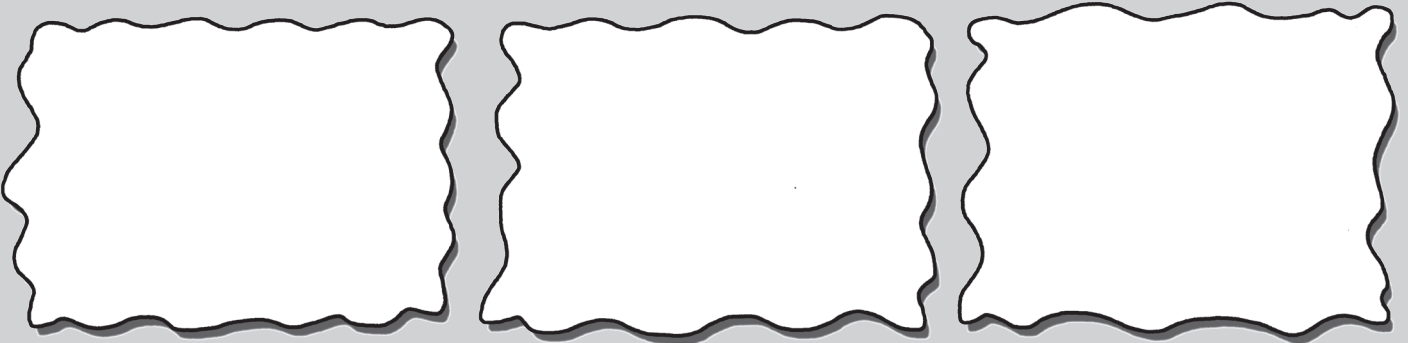


God speaks to Samuel



Samuel lived in the tabernacle* learning all about the work he must do for God. He was too young to serve as a priest, but still he worked for God. Draw some of the things he might have done - 1 Samuel 3 v 1-3 might give you some ideas.



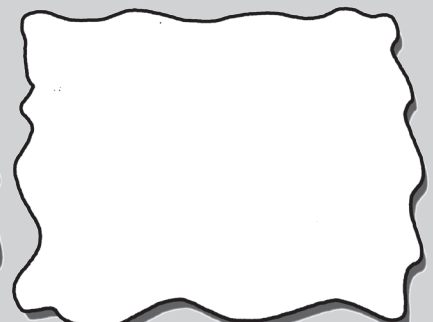
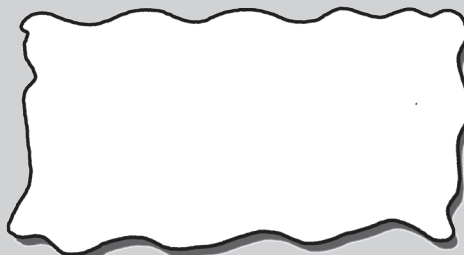
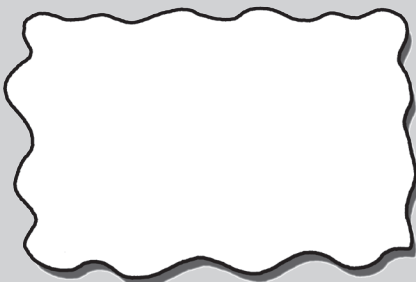
*Although the Bible refers to a temple, it must still have been some sort of tent. (1 Samuel 3:3, 2 Samuel 7:1-6)

Choose the right words from the brackets

One (day / night) samuel was sleeping in (the garden / Eli's house / the tabernacle) when he heard (a voice / the doorbell / someone singing). Thinking it was Eli, he ran to him, but Eli hadn't (sung / called / rung the bell) and he send samuel back (home / outside / to bed). This happened (ten / two / six) more times. Finally (Eli / Levi) told samuel "go and (hide / lie down) and if you hear the voice again, say 'speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'"

samuel did this and when the (music / voice / bell) came again, he replied. Then god spoke to him and told him that Eli's wicked (sons / daughters / servants), Hophni and Phinehas, would die. samuel was (happy / afraid) to tell Eli what god had said, but he did. god was with (samuel / Hophni / samson) all through his life.

Never too young
What can you do for God?



In God's house ...

What were Eli's sons doing in God's house?

Read 1 Samuel 2 v 13-16



When someone brought a for the Lord, they would stick a into the meat and bring out the best bit to keep for It doesn't sound very bad but v 12 tells us that they had no

Was it different in Jesus' time?

Read John 2 v 13-16

Jesus was angry that they were in God's house. He called them

""

(Luke 11 v 29)



Some readings for next week:

Sunday	1 Samuel 2	verses 18-20
Monday		verses 22-26
Tuesday	1 Samuel 3	verses 1-5
Wednesday		verses 6-8
Thursday		verses 9-13
Friday		verses 15-18
Saturday		verses 19-21

Why do you think Eli did not realise that God was speaking to Samuel? Tuesday's reading may help.

Why do you think Samuel did not realise that God was speaking to him? See Wednesday's reading.

How does God speak to us?