

Samuel listened to God's call. We are all called to help. How could you help the children below? In the space between the children, write or draw how you would help them.

Listen

based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Samuel was a young boy who helped the priest Eli. Eli was old, and his eyes weren't as good as they used to be. He was lying down in the temple, and Samuel was lying in another part of the temple.

A voice called, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Thinking Eli needed him, Samuel ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am! I heard you call me."

"I didn't call you," said Eli. "Go and lie down."

Samuel did as Eli said. But again he heard, "Samuel! Samuel!" Again he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am! You called me."

"No, I did not call you," said Eli. "Go and lie down."

Samuel went back to his bed. A third time, he heard a voice call, "Samuel! Samuel!"

He hurried to Eli and said, "Here I am! You did call me."

Eli now understood that God was calling Samuel, but Samuel did not know it was God's voice. Eli said, "Samuel, go back and lie down. When you hear the voice again, say, 'Speak, God, I am listening.'"

When Samuel heard the voice again, he did as Eli told him and answered, "Speak, God. I am listening." Then God gave Samuel an important message for Eli.

