



Samuel listened to God. We can listen to God, too.

A song to learn and share

We Can Listen
(tune: "Frère Jacques")

*We can listen, we can listen.
God is here. God is near.
We can listen anywhere,
we can listen everywhere.
God is near.
We can hear.*



Samuel Finds a King

Based on 1 Samuel 8:4-11,
16-20, (11:14-15)



A long, long time ago, there was a man named Samuel. Samuel helped the people of Israel to live in God's Way.

One day the people said to Samuel, "We are worried about what might happen to us. Give us a king like the people have in other countries."

"We want a king, please tell us how. find us a king, we want one now!"

Samuel was not happy. Samuel prayed to God and God said, "Listen to the people. They are not angry at you. The people don't want to listen to me. So now they don't want to listen to you. Listen to them and then warn them. Tell the people how it will be if they have a king."

Samuel looked at the people. Samuel told the people that he had listened to God. Samuel told there would be problems if they had a king. But the people didn't want to listen.

"We want a king, please tell us how. Find us a king, we want one now!"

"Here is how it will be," said Samuel. "The men will have to fight in

the king's armies. The women will have to go and work for the king. The king will take all the things that grow in your gardens. You will feel sad then. God doesn't think this is a very good idea."

But the people said again, "We want to be like the people in other countries. We want a king who will look after us and tell us what to do."

"We want a king, please tell us how. Find us a king, WE WANT ONE NOW!"

Samuel told God everything the people said. God told Samuel to listen to the people and give them a king. So Samuel said to the people, "Come with me. We will choose a king."

The people went with Samuel and they chose a man called Saul to be their king. Everyone cheered. There was a big celebration for Saul, their new king.

"We have a king! You told us how. You found us a king! We have one now! Hurray for King Saul!"



ACTIVITY

God had a message for Samuel,
and Samuel listened. God has
a message for each one of us.
That message is to love and
praise God and share
God's love.

- Decorate the frame around the poem.
- Glue your frame onto some card stock or heavy paper.
- Write your name on the top line, or have someone help you write it.
- Have someone help you punch two holes at the top and thread through some yarn to make a hanger.
- Punch six holes at the bottom of the frame. Thread some yarn through six jingle bells and thread through the holes. Don't make the yarn too long, as the lengths will tangle together.

When you hear the ring-a-ling
remember what to do:
listen hard with both your ears
because God is near to you.

