

Tonight's

passage – **1 Samuel 3.1-10**

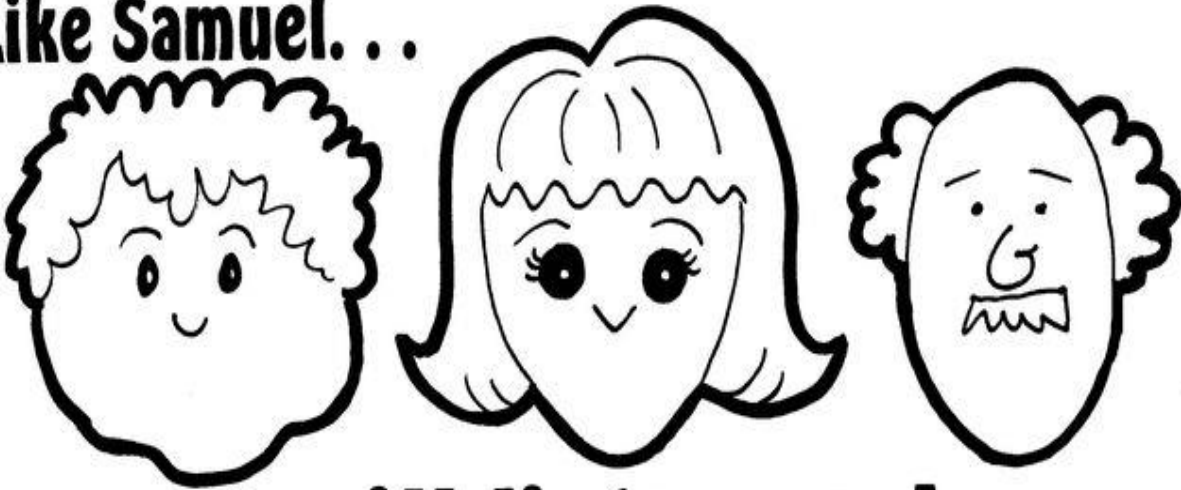
theme – **The Lord calls you**

How good is your hearing? How good are your ears?
On each page of the worksheet see if you can find the

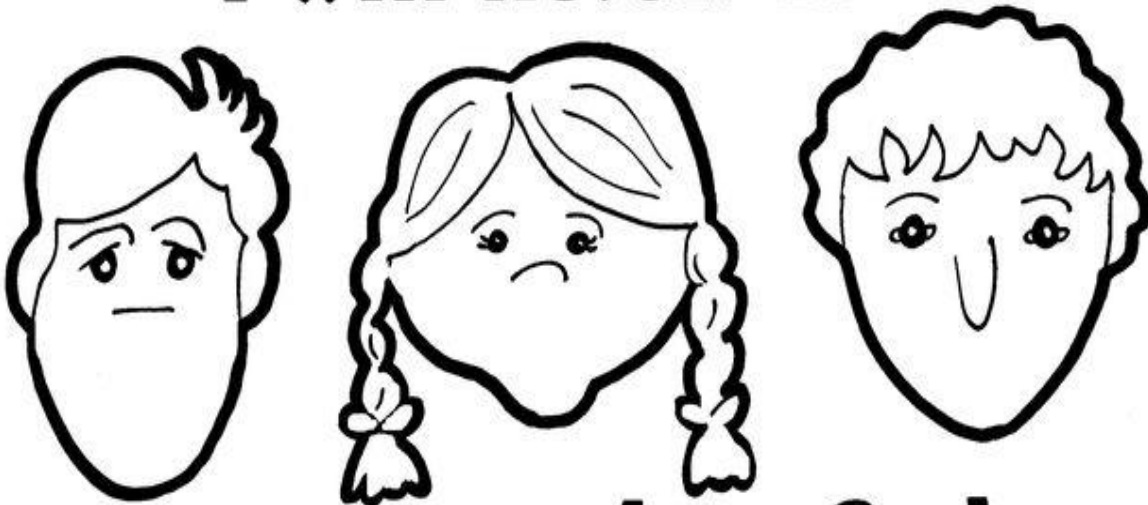
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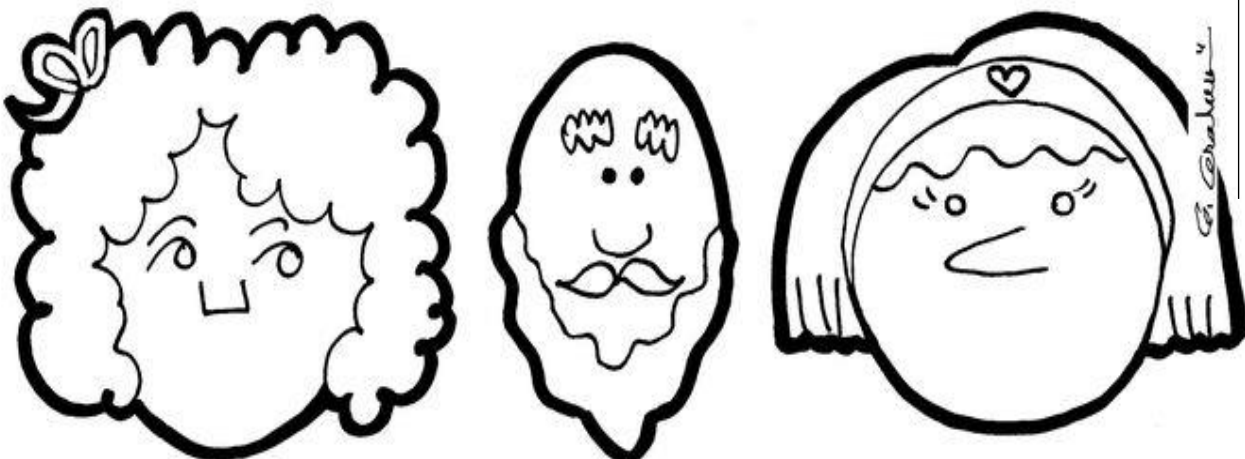
 Like Samuel...



I will listen and



answer when God



speaks to me.

Task # 1

Add ears and a mouth to each face.

We need to listen carefully to what God says – and then tell others about the Lord!

Task # 2

Colour in the faces.

We're all very different but Jesus calls us all to follow Him.

Task # 3

Draw a circle round the face which you think is most like you!

You're unique of course! So there may not be one that's like you at all!



Read
1 Samuel 3
verses 1-3

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli.

In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

dark days

not an encouraging start!

The story which this book of the Bible tells is about how God wonderfully turned a situation around when it all looked hopeless!

The story helps you see just why the message of the whole Bible about Jesus is such

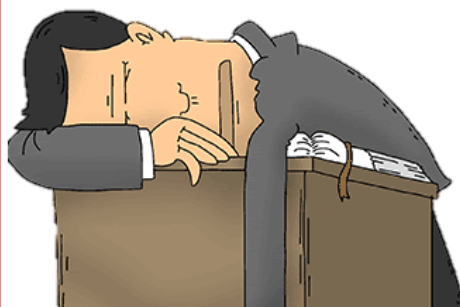
GOOD NEWS

These opening verses of the chapter help us see just why and in what ways things were looking so very hopeless in the land at the time.

See if you can work out from the pictures below what the problems were.



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The **p** _ **i** _ **s** _ was
s _ **e** _ **p** _ **n** _

God's people were called to be a light to the nations.
But



The **l** _ **m** _ of God
was almost _ **u** _

the Lord calls..

Read

1 Samuel 3

verses 4-9

⁴Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, 'Here I am.' ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

But Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down.

⁶Again the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸A third time the Lord called, 'Samuel!'

And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

Then Eli realised that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."'

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Like Samuel we have to learn that the Lord speaks personally to us.

Samuel thought that it was just Eli, the old priest, calling him.

He hadn't realised that the Lord does actually speak to us – even when we're still young!

Sometimes we're too distracted by other things to hear Him speaking to us!



How many 'distracting noises' can you see in this picture?

listening

Read
1 Samuel 3
verse 10

¹⁰The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!'

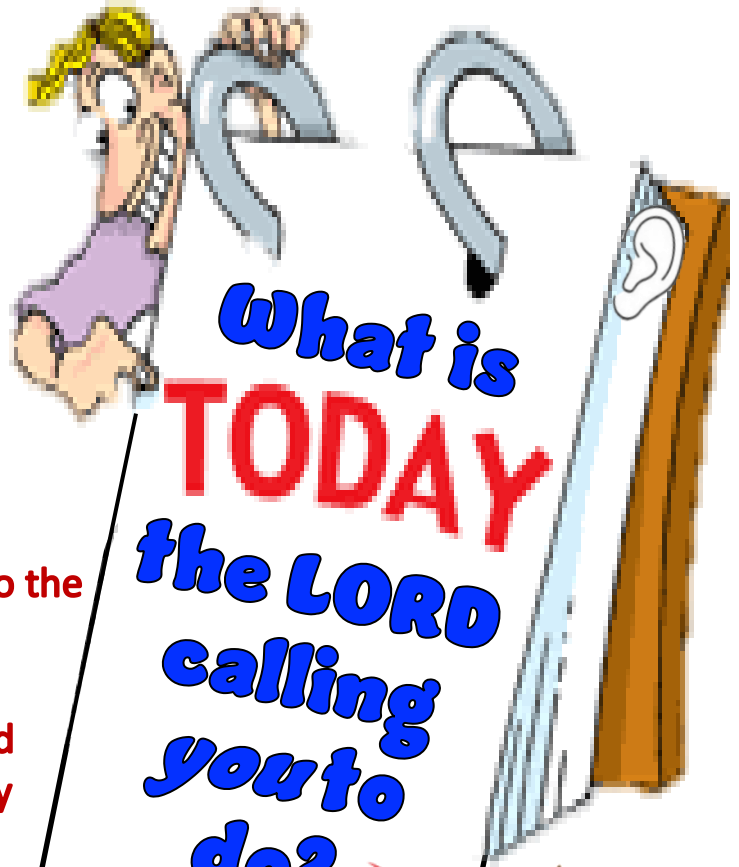
Then Samuel said, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'

God calls us all to give our lives to Jesus as our Lord & Saviour

Have you taken that step?

There's nothing more important to do than that!

The Bible says that NOW is the day of salvation. TODAY is the day to take that step!



Use the prayer on the next page to respond to the Lord's call and to give yourself to Jesus.

Like Samuel, responding to the call of the Lord involves us being ready, before all else, simply to listen to Jesus.

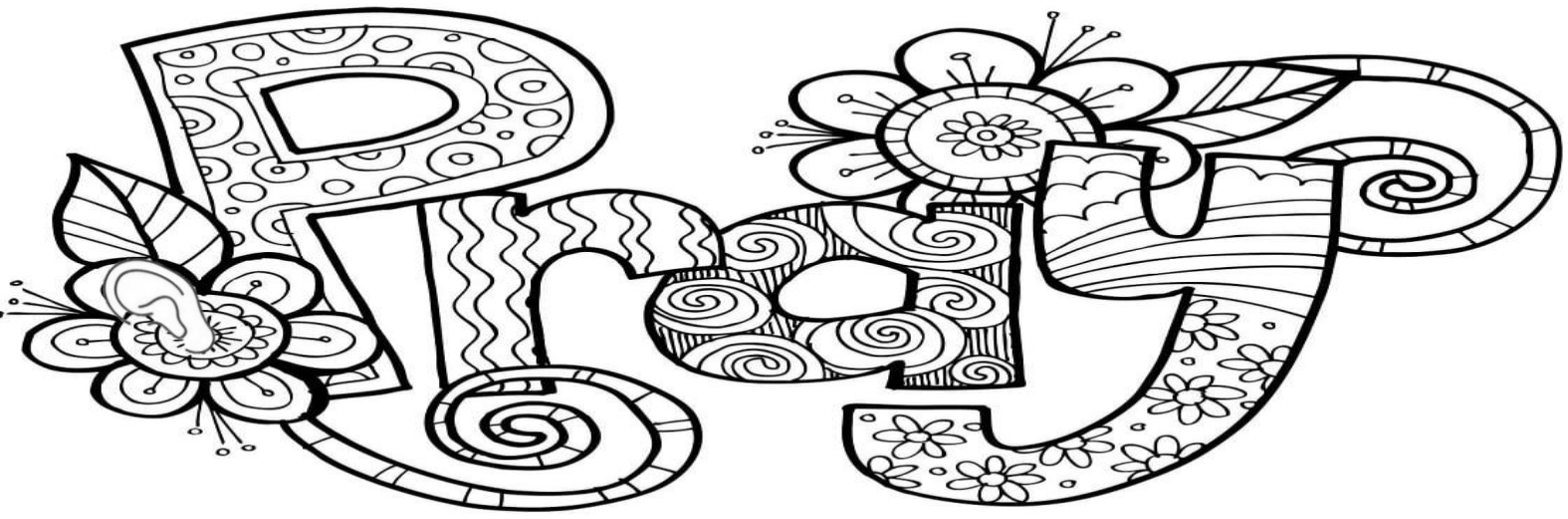
Jesus is Lord and when you entrust yourself to Him you'll want to learn from Him and be obedient to Him.

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And as you you start to follow Him you can expect Him to keep speaking to you! And you can expect Him to keep calling you to new spheres of service!

Write it down here!





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you

Lord Jesus, I know that You're speaking to *me* through the Bible.

I'm glad that You know me by name, just as You knew Samuel and called him by name.

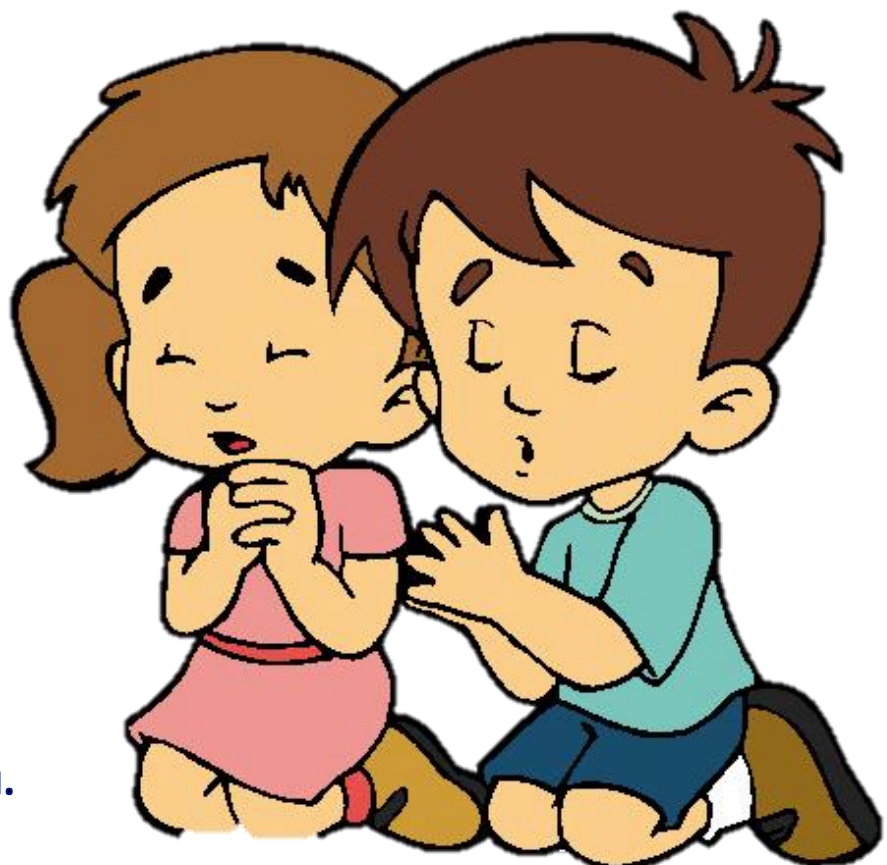
And I'm glad that You call me to be Your follower and Your friend.

**I need You, Lord Jesus, because
You alone can give me the
forgiveness that I need.**

**I want to be Yours,
Lord Jesus, always.**

**Help me day by day
to listen carefully to You,
to learn constantly from You,
and to be obedient gladly to You.**

I'm all Yours, Lord Jesus! Please use me in Your service all my life!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!


Speak, Lord, Your
servant is listening

(1 Sam.3.10)



Wordsearch

The Wordsearch is taken from these verses in 1 Samuel. See if you can find all the words!

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H H H L V J G E M C A W Z M S
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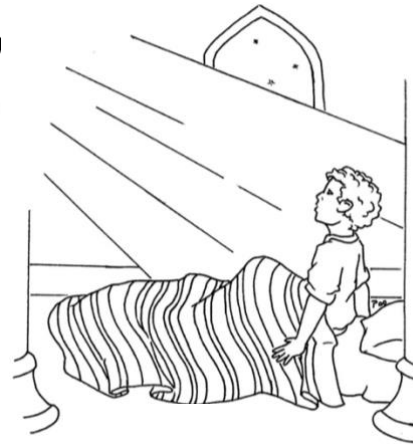
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COLOUR in the picture



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1 samuel 3:9