



# **SAMUEL SERVES GOD ALL HIS LIFE**

## **BABY/ TODDLER LESSON**

### **BIBLE POINT:**

**God wants us to be His helpers.**

### **BIBLE VERSE:**

**"Serve the Lord with all your heart."**

**1 Samuel 12:20**

### **SCHEDULE**

**Activity**

**Prayer**

**Worship**

**Bible Story**

**Craft**

## ACTIVITY:

Talk to your child about the Bible. Talk about how it is God's Word. We read it so we can learn about God and what God wants us to do. God wants us to share with others.

Lay down and pretend to sleep. Say, "Samuel! Samuel!" then stand up and run in place. Have your child practice with you. The sillier the better! Say, "Here I am. Did you call me?". Go back and lay down. After practicing a few times, say at the end, "Speak Lord, Your servant is listening."

## PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for this day. Please help us to learn more about you and obey you. We love you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

## WORSHIP:

Sing "This Little Light of Mine".

Click link below to watch and sing along.

→ [https://youtu.be/RGWC6\\_SjHKQ](https://youtu.be/RGWC6_SjHKQ) ←

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them. Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



### **BIBLE STORY:**

Hold up the Bible, "**This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth.**" Hug the Bible to your chest.

**"Let's pat our Bible."** Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

### **Babies and Toddlers:**

**Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from 1 Samuel 8-10.**

"God was the King of Israel, but people wanted a change. They told Samuel, the prophet, that they wanted a king like other nations had. Samuel warned the people that this was not a good idea and that we follow God and He is the only king we need. The people were not happy. Samuel prayed and spoke to God. God decided to give the people what they wanted. The people wanted a king so they didn't have to obey God and they thought things would be easier if they had a king like other nations had. The people of Israel did get a new king.

And guess what? He wasn't a very good king.  
People were unhappy and realized he  
couldn't give them what they wanted or  
needed. God loved the people Israel, but He  
was unhappy with Israel wanting a new king.  
God wants to be the only King of our lives.  
He loves us so very much. He wants us to  
obey Him and He will take care of all of our  
needs.

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock,  
play with, and console your baby/toddler take  
time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

Samuel was a prophet  
Samuel listened and obeyed the Lord  
God wants us to listen and obey Him  
He loves you so very much!

# TEACHING PICTURE



CRAFT:

Craft attached. For this craft, talk to your child about the lesson. Talk about how God wants us to follow and obey Him just like Samuel did and warned the people of Israel. Once your child is done with their craft, end in prayer.

