

A whispered name


Bible verses:

1 Samuel 1:26–28; 3:1–18


Aim:

 To learn to listen for God
 and be curious about how
 we can ‘hear’ God

Today’s fruit:

Patience



Memory verse

‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart
 and lean not on your own
 understanding;
 in all your ways submit to him,
 and he will make your paths straight.’
 (Psalm 3:5–6 NIV)



Start it

Today we are going to hear about a boy who
 keeps hearing someone call his name.

Play a listening game with the group. This is
 a long video, so stop when you feel the group
 has had enough. Play individually or as a
 group.

***The Ultimate Guess the Sound Challenge
 for Kids*** by Little Dreamers Education (18:48)



Share it

Share a child-friendly version of 1 Samuel
 1:26–28; 3:1–18 (eg Biblegateway.com *ERV/
 EASY*) or watch the following clip.

God Speaks to Samuel (God’s story) by
 Saddleback Kids (2:33)

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share
 together:

- Who calls out your name?
- What do you do when they call you?
- What would you do if you were sleeping
 when they called you?
- Why do you think Samuel didn’t know it
 was God speaking to him?
- What did Samuel say to God?
- Can we talk and listen to God too?



Sing It

‘I Might be Small’ by Allstars Kids Club
 (2:07)

‘Proverbs 3:5’ (Topic) by Kids on the Move
 (1:07)

Song track only – why not make up your
 own actions as a group!



Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- **Make:** Make 'listening ear' headbands. Use card to create a headband, then stick on a set of really big ears. Talk about how we can be curious about things we listen to and why it's important to listen.
- **Play:** Use dressing-up items. What important things might these different groups of people say to us? eg police dress-up clothes – they might tell us how to be safe.
- **Pray:** Sit together and say that you're going to whisper your prayers to God into your hands (because God can always hear us!). Lead the prayers by saying 'Can you tell God how you're feeling?' (Whisper answers into hands.) 'Can you tell God something you're thankful for?' etc. You could finish by asking them, 'What might God be saying to you?'
- **Try:** Create your own sound challenge, taking it in turns to make a noise for people to guess.