

This Week in Sunday School 1.17.21 - God Calls Samuel

Happy Sunday, Friends,

How amazing it is that we can have a conversation with God? In our story we learn about two people and their conversations with God. In the first part of our story Hannah prays TO God and God answers her prayers by giving her a son, Samuel. In the second part of our story, that same Samuel hears FROM God, but it takes him a few times to realize that it's God calling him.

This weekend is special not because it's a long weekend and we get an extra day off of school. On Monday we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. Below is a link to an article that shows ways to honor him and his legacy. As Pastor Doug says, "and now the service begins".

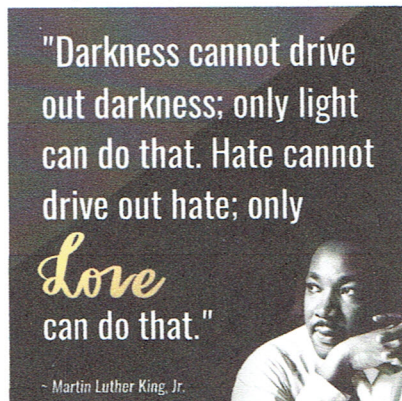
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Attached is a coloring page and a Prayer Telephone craft. Enjoy!

Finally Friends, please remember Today's lesson is about talking TO god and hearing FROM God. You are very important to God and that God wants to talk to you. God doesn't only speak to adults! I'm hoping you'll find a moment to say this prayer I found that I think fits perfectly with our lesson....

Dear God, today we are listening for Your call. Perhaps You have something special for us to do. When You call, we will answer, "Here I am." In Jesus' name, amen.

Finally Finally, one of my favorite MLK quotes:

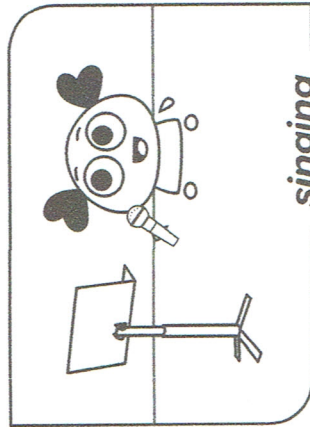


I hope you know how much you are loved and missed! We can't wait to be back at church together soon.

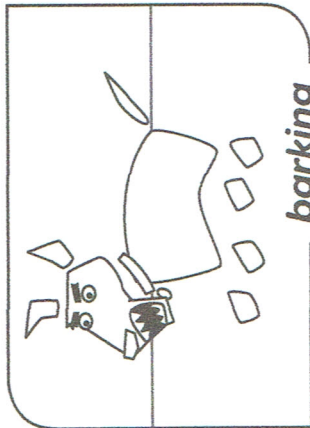
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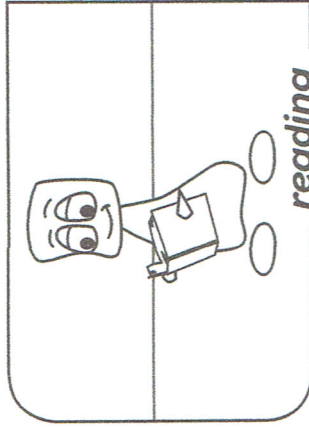
Draw a circle around the things you hear in worship.



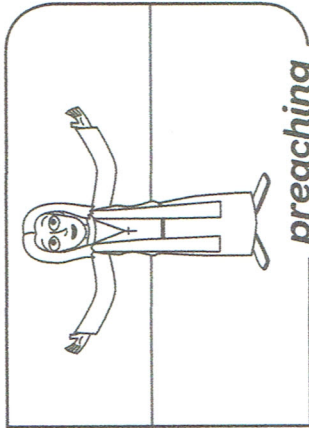
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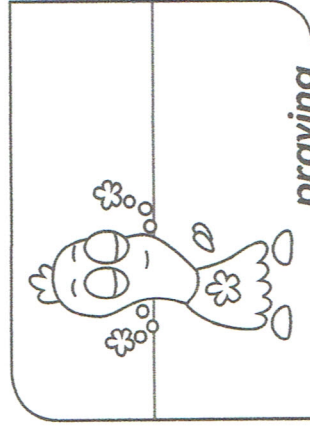
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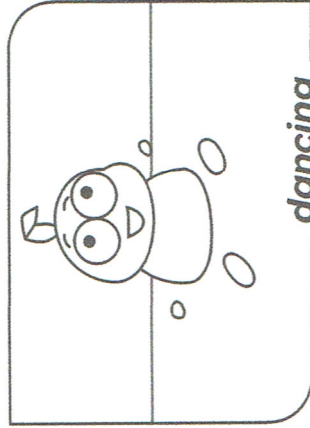
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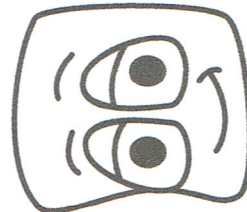
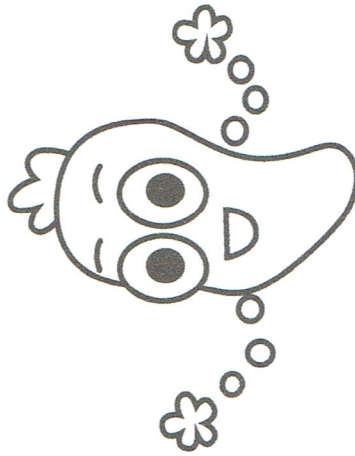
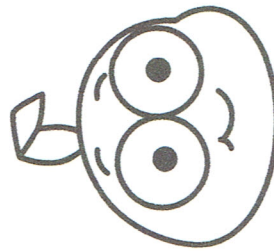
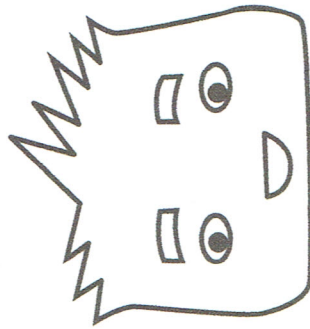
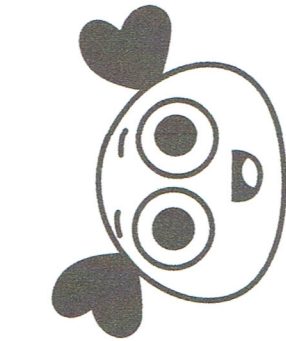


Pre-Reader



When God speaks, we listen.

Draw ears on the Whirl kids so they can hear what God says.

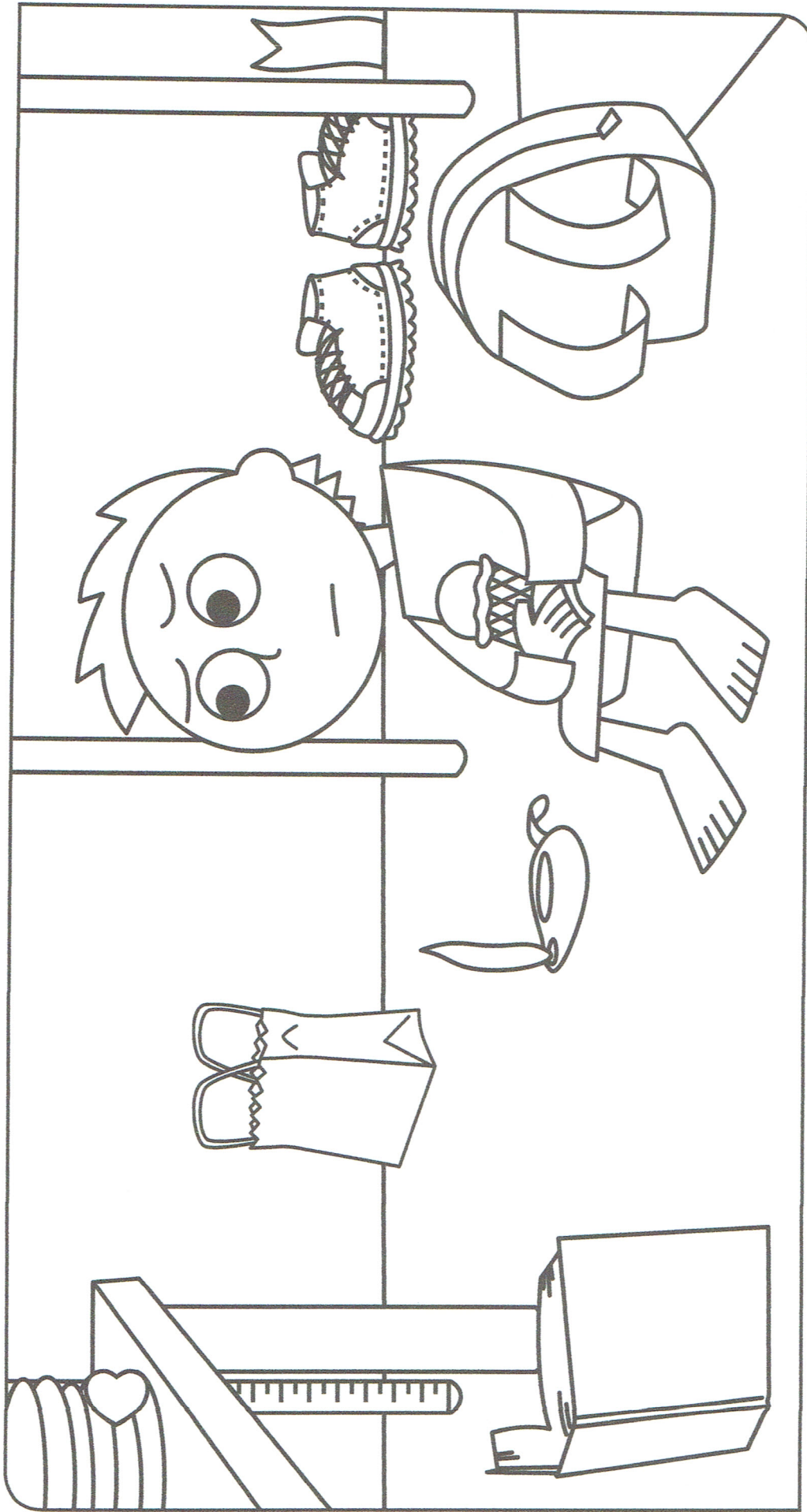


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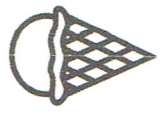
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SAMUEL! SAMUEL! Here I am!



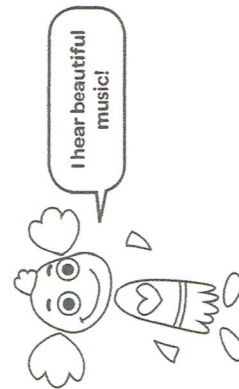
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Today our church family prays for ...
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Find these items in the picture of Samuel.



God is speaking.

Close your eyes for a few minutes and listen.
Write or draw what you hear.



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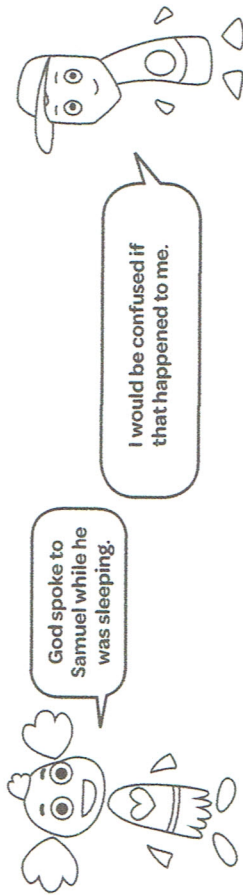


“Speak, for your servant is listening!”

Follow the letter path below to see Samuel's words to God.



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H A K R S C Q R Y O S O
D B F M G N B J M C E H
U R O B U I H C A V R B
C Y D T E N R Q N C B M
U O Q S U H M J T L I R
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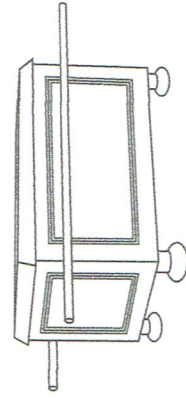
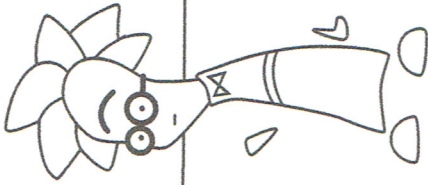
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Samuel lived in the temple, taking care of the high priest, Eli.

"At that time, Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was." 1 Samuel 3:2-3

Two things:

1. This temple was not the temple that Herod built and not even the first temple that Solomon built. It was probably much smaller, like the size of your church.
2. The ark of God was the place where they kept the Ten Commandments.



Ark of God

Draw the walls for Eli's room, Eli's bed, Samuel's room, and Samuel's bed.
Draw any other rooms and furnishings you think should be there too.

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