

# God Speaks to a Little Boy

Bible Lesson: I Samuel 1 – 3

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The Bible tells us about a time when God spoke to a little boy named Samuel. God does not speak only to grown-up people. God speaks to boys and girls too.

In a far away hill country lived a woman named Hannah and her husband, Elkanah. Hannah was very sad because she had no children. Each year she traveled to the temple in Jerusalem and prayed. She asked God to give her a son.

Eli the priest watched as Hannah prayed. In her prayer, Hannah promised God that if He would give her a son, she would give this child back to Him to serve God all his life. Eli asked Hannah about her prayer. Hannah told Eli that she prayed for a son. God answered Hannah's prayer. Samuel was the son God gave Hannah.

When Samuel was very young, Hannah brought Samuel to the temple to serve the Lord. Eli watched over Samuel and taught him how to serve the Lord in the temple. Hannah returned every year and brought Samuel a new robe, which she had made for him. Samuel grew bigger and grew in favor with God and man.

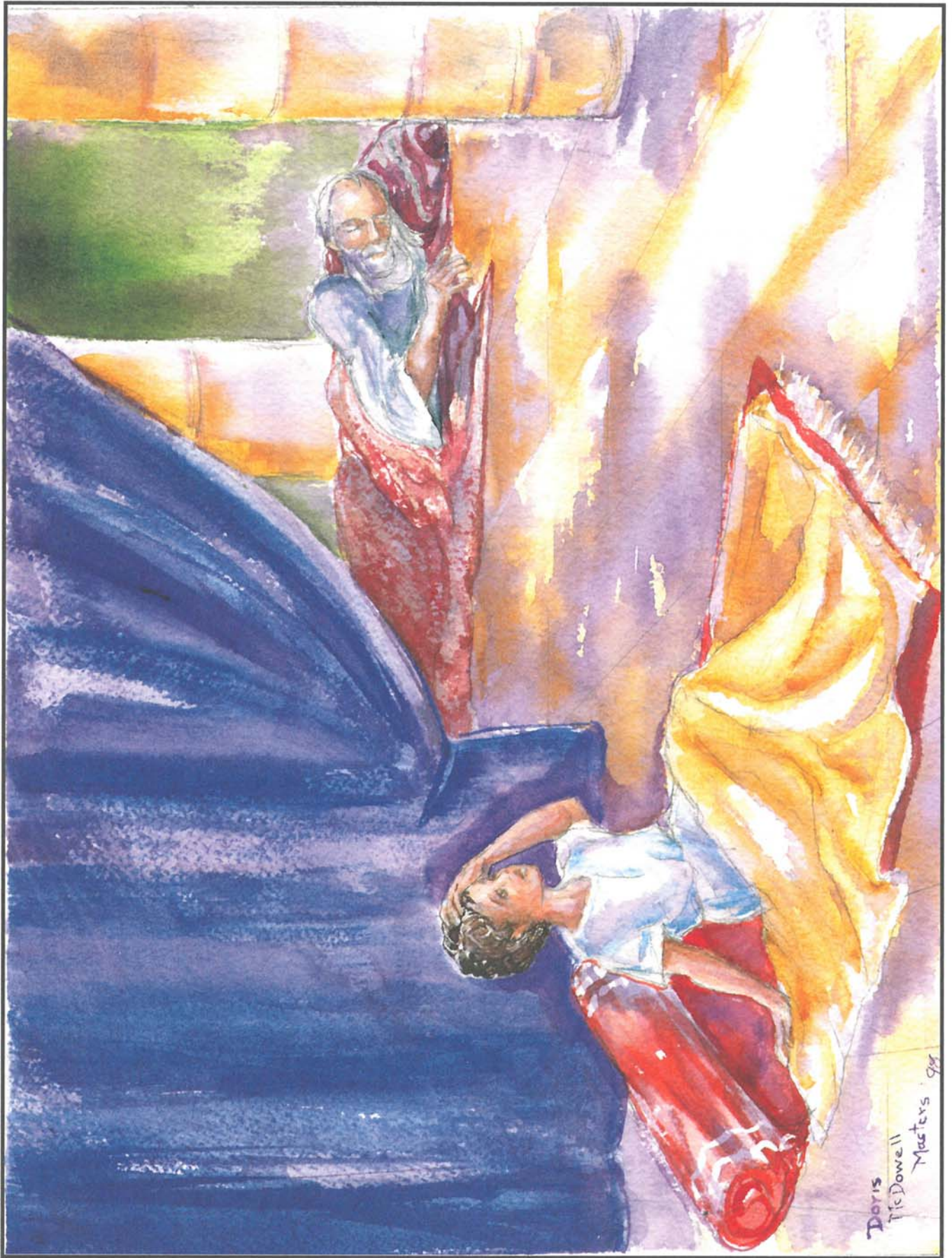
One night Samuel was lying down and he heard a voice calling, "Samuel." Samuel answered, "Here I am." Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; lie down again." So Samuel went back and lay down.

Two more times Samuel heard the voice calling, "Samuel!" Both times Samuel got up and went to Eli. Then Eli understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy. Eli told Samuel, "Go lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant is listening.'"

Samuel did as Eli had told him. When the Lord called again, Samuel said, "Speak, for Thy servant is listening." Then God told Samuel a special message about things that would soon take place. In the years that followed, Samuel became a great prophet. God gave him many messages for the people of Israel.

### **Memory Verse**

"Speak, Lord, for Thy servant is listening." *I Samuel 3:9*



Hannah prays



Samuel goes to the temple



Samuel serves in the temple



Samuel listens to God





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is listening.” I Samuel 3:9