

1. Watch chapter 8-9 from The Complete Learning System *Samuel* DVD.

2. **Read:** 1 Samuel 3:10

“And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.”

3. **Sing:** Children’s Songbook #106 “The Still Small Voice.”

4. Samuel’s mother, Hannah, promised to dedicate her son’s life to the Lord. To keep her promise she took Samuel to the tabernacle to serve with Eli the High Priest. When the Lord first called to Samuel, he did not recognize His voice. Eli, aside of his mistakes, was wise enough to tell Samuel to listen, and answer, when the Lord called to him. (1 Sam 3:9)

5. **How does the Lord speak to us?** (Discuss ideas.)

“Messages are more commonly manifested by the still, small voice, which speaks to all of us through the scriptures, modern prophets, and personal revelation.” *James E. Faust, Liahona, May 2004 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

6. **What do we need to do to keep the Holy Ghost with us always?** (Discuss ideas.)

“... If we live righteously and remain worthy, we are promised His constant companionship; He will guide our lives, teach us truths, and testify to us that Jesus is the Christ.” *Sheldon F. Child, Ensign, Nov 2003 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

7. **How will listening to the Lord affect our lives?** (Discuss ideas.)

8. **Why is it important to listen when the Lord speaks to us through the Holy Ghost and/or our church leaders?** (Discuss ideas.)

“How important it is ... that we do not do anything to lose the Holy Ghost’s gentle persuasions, comfort, peace, and direction. These impressions will help us make the correct choices in life in order to weather the storms and bring us closer to God’s ways.” *Robert D. Hales, Ensign, Sept 2003 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

9. **How can Samuel’s example help us learn to listen to the Spirit?** (Discuss ideas.)

“The Spirit does not get our attention by shouting or shaking us with a heavy hand. Rather it whispers. It caresses so gently that if we are preoccupied we may not feel it at all. ... if we do not heed the gentle feeling, the Spirit will withdraw and wait until we come seeking and listening and say in our manner and expression, like Samuel of ancient times, ‘Speak [Lord], for thy servant heareth’ (1 Sam. 3:10.)” *Boyd K. Packer, Ensign, Jan. 1983 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

10. **Quote:** “Serious consequences result whenever we miss important messages, especially if these messages are from God. ... God gives us messages of instruction or encouragement to enable us to do His will. Often this is to prepare us for a specific task. ... We must strive to be worthy so that we do not miss the profound messages that come from God.” *James E. Faust, Ensign, May 2004 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*