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Faithfully serving God is the theme for this quarter. The first unit focuses on the godly service of the priest and prophet Samuel, the prophet Isaiah, the temple musician Asaph, and the prophet Ezra. God called them and set them apart as ministers to His people.

In the Old Testament, we read that God spoke to His people through prophets, and the second unit highlights four of them. The prophets Haggai, Micah, Habakkuk, and Ezekiel were faithful to speak God’s messages of hope, faithfulness, and judgment.

The third unit of this quarter covers miraculous healings. Jesus, Peter and John, Ananias, and Paul healed people from sickness, blindness, and evil spirits. Each healing was done to bring glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are worthy of all honor and praise and our heartfelt devotion.

Being a servant of God is a great honor and can bring joy to this life. Serving the Lord requires a Spirit-led life and a desire to be more like Jesus every day.

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# Scripture Lesson Text

**I SAM. 3:1** And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.

**2** And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;*

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep;*

**4** That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am I*.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

**6** And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

**8** And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So

Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**19** And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established *to be* a prophet of the LORD.

**7:3** And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.*

4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

**5** And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

**12** Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

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# Samuel's Call and Ministry

Lesson Text: I Samuel 3:1-9, 19-20; 7:3-5, 10, 12

Related Scriptures: I Samuel 1:1-28; Judges 2:16-23

TIMES: about 1093 B.C.; 1047 B.C.

PLACES: Shiloh; Ramah; Mizpeh;  
between Mizpeh and Shen

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**GOLDEN TEXT**—"The Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth" (I Samuel 3:10).

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## LESSON STUDY

What would you say is the most important ingredient for assuring you a satisfying and successful life? Would it be a stable, caring family or a biblical upbringing? These are very helpful, but they are not the most important.

For example, Samuel was born to religiously devout and caring parents. His mother promised the Lord that she would dedicate him to the Lord's service. She did that before Samuel was even born. The biblical story of Samson is well known (Judg. 13–16). He too was dedicated to serve the Lord before he was born to devout and caring parents. His story was very different from Samuel's, however. Samuel stayed focused on service to God, while Samson mostly only wanted to serve himself.

### **SAMUEL OBEYED ELI— I Sam. 3:1-9**

When Samuel was probably less than five years old, his parents took him to the tabernacle in Shiloh and put him under the care of the high

priest, Eli. Eli had been so remiss in raising his own sons that he was under God's severe judgment for his failure. You can read about this in I Samuel 2:12-36.

This is not what we would consider a good beginning for a small boy who at that age would sorely miss his mother. Samuel's mother must have prepared him well for it.

The lesson passage gives a picture of Samuel as a boy going about his chores in the tabernacle. He faithfully and cheerfully waited on Eli, who was by now an old man.

One night, God spoke to the boy. At that time, Samuel did not recognize the voice of God. He thought Eli needed him. Three times he heard the voice calling his name, and three times he hurried to Eli. The old priest finally realized who must be calling the child and instructed him on how to respond.

Samuel was not willfully ignoring or shutting his ears to the Lord. He was trying to be obedient, but he misunderstood. The Lord was very patient with him, waiting for him to receive the truth and respond submissively. As soon as Samuel knew God was speaking to him, he was ready to listen and obey.