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“But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil” (II Thessalonians 3:3).

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Dear Boys and Girls,

Would you rather be a servant or a leader? That is actually a trick question. Many people think these words are opposite of each other. But during His time on earth, Jesus showed that a person can be both a servant and a leader.

Maybe you could think of it in the same way that healthy vegetables and a yummy dessert are parts of a good meal. You probably enjoy one of those parts a lot more than the other. But they can work together to make a meal more complete. Jesus’ example and the Bible teach that being a servant goes together with being a good leader.

As servants, many of the leaders used by God also had to go through tough times. Some were thrown in jail. Others were beaten just for sharing the message that God told them to share with the people. Those types of problems can be scary. But God’s people have always been able to call on Him for comfort and help.

The best example of serving others is seen at the cross, where Jesus died for our sins. That is how He showed His awesome love for us. He later rose from the dead! After trusting Jesus as your Saviour, you can also trust Him to always be with you as you serve Him and share His love with others.

Your friend,
Reggie

A Long Wait

Why isn't he here yet? Tina thought. Her dad was usually waiting five minutes early to pick her up from summer camp. But today he was already ten minutes late. She was going to miss the exciting conclusion of her favorite TV show. *How is Prina the Pony going to escape the Pit of Doom?* Tina wondered.

More time went by. Now there were just two other students waiting to be picked up. Tina's dad was always on time. Was something wrong today? Was her dad OK?

Tina started to worry about her dad's safety. She then closed her eyes and prayed that God would make sure that he was safe.

Shortly after Tina had prayed, the counselor who was in the room said, "Tina, your father is here to pick you up." Tina hopped out of her seat with a huge smile. She quickly grabbed her book bag and hurried to meet her dad at the door.

As they walked to the car, Tina had a talk with her dad. "Why did it take you so long to get here?" she asked.

"There was a big accident on the highway. I think no one was badly hurt. Praise God!" Dad answered. "I wanted to be here on time for you, but it didn't work out that way. Just remember that God is always faithful and will always be with you. Oh, and don't worry about your favorite show. I made sure that it would be recorded just in case we were late. I know how much you wanted to see today's show."

"Thanks, Dad!" Tina said with a huge smile.

—Reginald Coats.

Big Things

This summer was going to be the best one yet! At least that seemed to be true for all Amir's classmates. Some would be going with their parents on mission trips to tell people about Jesus. Others would be going on fun bike rides to raise money for mission trips. Some of Amir's friends would even be leaving the country on their trips.

I'm not doing anything special like that, Amir thought. He went to a Christian school. Students were encouraged to find special ways to serve others over the summer.

"What are you doing for summer service this year?" Lisa asked Amir. Amir's heart skipped a beat. He did not want his friends to know that he would not be doing anything "big and important."

"Uh, I don't know yet," Amir answered. "But it's going to be big." He was upset with himself for not coming up with something better to say.

Amir's mom could tell that something was bothering him when he got home. "What's wrong?" she asked.

"I don't have anything big and important to do for summer service this year," he answered.

"Well, God can use something you think is little to do big things," Mom said. "I think Dad might have a little something for you to do this summer. He and some others from the church are planning an event."

Amir could not wait to hear more about the event when his dad got home. "Mom said you might have something for me to do this summer!" Amir shouted when his dad came home.

"Wow! You sure are happy to see me today," Dad



said. Dad then told Amir about the church’s plans to have a cookout and food giveaway. The goal was to give food to those who were hungry and to tell them about Jesus. “We’re going to need servers to carry meals outside from the kitchen. Do you think you could help us out?”

“Yes! I can do that,” Amir answered happily.

Later that summer, the event was a big success. A man who had received a meal also made a big decision. He heard about Jesus dying for his sins and being raised again. He decided to trust Jesus as Saviour. He also started to attend church services.

Amir was thrilled that God had used his “little” act of service to do such a big thing.

—Reginald Coats.



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God Has a Job for Samuel

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

GOLDEN TEXT: “And the Lord . . . called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth” (I Samuel 3:10).

OUR LESSON TALK

As a child, Samuel lived in the tabernacle. He helped Eli the priest. One night after Samuel went to bed, a voice called his name. Samuel thought Eli wanted him, but Eli said, “I did not call you.”

Twice, a voice called, “Samuel.” Both times, Samuel asked what Eli wanted; but Eli had not called him.

The third time, Eli realized that God was calling Samuel. Eli told Samuel to say, “Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.” The Lord then gave Samuel his first message.

As Samuel grew older, everyone in Israel knew that he was a prophet. They gathered at Mizpah, and Samuel told them to turn from idols and serve the Lord.

The Philistines attacked the Israelites at Mizpah. The Lord sent a loud thunder that frightened the Philistines so much that the Israelites won the battle.

Samuel put up a stone to mark the victory. He called it “Ebenezer,” meaning the Lord had helped His people.

SOMETHING TO DO

Put an S in front of each sentence that makes a true statement about Samuel.

- ___ He worshipped idols.
- ___ He was a prophet of God.
- ___ He lived in the tabernacle when he was a child.
- ___ He never met Eli the priest.
- ___ He knocked down a stone that marked the spot where the Philistines won a great battle.
- ___ He told the Israelites to serve the Lord.

Answer the following questions.

How many times did Samuel think he heard Eli call him? _____

Who attacked the Israelites? _____

What was the name of the place where the Israelites won the battle? _____

What was the name of the stone that marked the site of the battle? _____

Whose voice did Samuel hear? _____

Circle the sentence that tells about a child who listened to God's Word.

Tammy giggled and whispered while her Sunday school teacher taught the lesson.

Jason followed along in his Bible when the pastor read the Scripture lesson.

Sarah daydreamed during her family's Bible study.

—Dianne L. Beetler.