

LEADER GUIDE

DESCRIPTION



SuperTruth:

I can serve God today

Superverse: 1 Samuel 3:10 NLT

“And the Lord came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Speak, Your servant is listening.”

Scripture:

1 Samuel 1–4, 7

Prep Material:

- Bibles (ESV)
- Sticky Notes
- Samuel Superbook Videos:
 - Superbook Academy - [Click Here](#) - Enter Code **Psalm91**
 - The place where you enter the code is under “Guest Access” at the bottom of the screen. Enter the code where it says password.
- Feel free to use the craft or other activities before/after the lesson or during the week.

Scripture Read (Optional)

Families get an ESV Bible and have kids find the following passages (1 Samuel 1–4, 7) in the Bible using the concordance and placing a sticky note by each reference. Once the scripture references are all found, have each member of the family read the story (If kiddo can't read the story have an adult read).

During DB kids services we have kids read the Bible because we desire to have them know what scripture says first before engaging in our Superbook Adventure. Remember the Superbook is someone's interpretation of Scripture, and can spur discussion

Introduction

Welcome, everyone! Today, we will watch a *Superbook* adventure called “Samuel and the Call of God.” Samuel was one of the greatest prophets in the Bible. His life began as a miracle from God. His mother dedicated Samuel to serve God even as a young boy. Samuel is a wonderful example of serving God even when you are young!

Before going a little further though, let's dig into our Supertruth.

Review SuperTruth

Today's SuperTruth says, “I can serve God today.”

Say the first part, “***I can***”...

and then have the child say the second part “***serve God today***” (*Repeat*)

Let's begin our video and see what is happening with Chris, Joy and Gizmo today in the Superbook adventure.

Watch: Chris & Joy's Dilema Video

- Superbook Academy - [Click Here](#) - Enter Code **Psalm91**

Family Discussion

The SuperTruth today is: “I can serve God today.”

Have you ever thought that you were too little or too young to serve God? Maybe you thought you must wait until you were older for God to speak to you. That simply is not true. You are never too young (or too old) to do something for God. He wants you to serve Him today!

Questions:

- What did Joy think that Chris' dream meant? *That God was speaking to Chris to follow up with Jason, the boy who broke into his home. Maybe Chris could be his friend and help keep him from getting into trouble with the wrong crowd.*
- Did Chris agree that his dream had a deeper meaning? *No, he didn't believe dreams told you anything important.*
- Did Gizmo's interpretation of the dream help Chris? *No, the interpretation was for a robot, not a human like Chris.*

Let's watch the rest of our video and see what happens!

Watch: Bible Story & Resolution Video

- Superbook Academy - [Click Here](#) - Enter Code **Psalm 91**

Teaching Time:

Prep Items: Blocks

The SuperTruth today is: "**I can serve God today.**"

This single block represents Samuel. The stack of blocks represent Eli's older sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who served as priests. Why do you think that there is only one block to represent Samuel instead of a tall stack? *He was a young boy when he served Eli in the Tabernacle.*

Some Bible scholars believe he was about 12 years old when God called him. Samuel would do great things during his life for the Lord. However, Samuel began serving God doing smaller tasks in the Tabernacle. As Samuel proved himself a faithful servant, God trusted him to do greater works of service.

Have a volunteer read **Luke 16:10.**

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.- "

Questions:

- Do you know who said this? *Jesus.*
- Jesus did! Which part of the verse describes Samuel's dedication to serving the Lord? *The first part.*
- Which part of the verse describes Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas? *The second part.*

Have a volunteer read **1 Samuel 2:12-13a.**

¹² Now the sons of Eli were scoundrels who had no respect for the Lord ¹³ or for their duties as priests.

A scoundrel is a dishonest and wicked person. The two men did not respect God or place any value on serving Him as priests. God was not pleased with Hophni and Phinehas and the people weren't pleased with them either.

Question:

- Do you remember why they both weren't pleased with Hophni and Phinehas? *Eli's sons stole the best part of the people's offerings which were reserved for God!*

Take away a block from the sons' stack of blocks. Have a volunteer read **1 Samuel 2:17**.

So the sin of these young men was very serious in the Lord's sight, for they treated the lord's offerings with contempt.

Take another block away from the sons' stack. Have a volunteer read **1 Samuel 2:18**.

But Samuel, though he was only a boy, served the Lord. He wore a linen garment like that of a priest.

Look at the contrast or difference between Eli's sons and Samuel. As priests, Eli's sons sinned against God. Samuel wore a linen garment like a priest as he obeyed and served the Lord. Young Samuel was not officially a priest, yet he honored God and served Him more faithfully than the older priests!

Add the two blocks to Samuel's stack.

Question:

- What happened when the people told Eli about the evil things his sons were doing? *Eli talked to his sons, but they would not listen!*

God had enough; He had plans to punish their sin! Remember every choice has a consequence.

Take two more blocks off the sons' stack. Have a volunteer read **1 Samuel 2:26**.

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew taller and grew in favor with the Lord and with the people.

Add the two blocks to Samuel's stack. Look at the two stacks now. Hophni and Phinehas have fallen out of favor with God and the people. Samuel grew physically and in favor with God and the people as he faithfully served the Lord.

Have a volunteer read **1 Samuel 3:1**.

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the Lord by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon.

This verse is very important to understand. How amazing to think that messages from God were very rare then—yet God chose a young boy to deliver His word! Eli and his sons were grown men, and they were priests in the Tabernacle, yet God chose to speak to them through a boy! Samuel delivered the message to Eli, showing He was faithful and trustworthy.

Take the last two blocks from the sons' stack. Add the two blocks to Samuel's stack. Have the volunteer read **1 Samuel 3:19**.

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable.

Point to Samuel's stack. Samuel's mother dedicated him to God even before he was born. God was with Samuel as he grew. The people trusted Samuel as a faithful leader. He demonstrated love, honor and respect for God and His people. Samuel didn't wait until he was older to begin serving or when he was stronger he did it when he was young and being faithful with every task that was given to him each day.

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SCRIPTURE SWORD CHALLENGE



30 VERSES IN ONE YEAR

For every **two verses** memorized, kids will get a pin for their dbKid's hat!
2 verses = 1 pin | **20 verses** = Gold Armor of God pin | **30 verses** = Special Prize

Go to www.dbkids.org to get the complete list for the dbKids Elementary Scripture Sword Challenge list for the 2020-2021 year (It will be posted August 16). Remember to grab your initial dbKids hat at Church on the weekend or throughout the week (beginning August 22). A replacement hat will cost \$10 each. Kids can say the verse to dbKids Elementary coordinators every Sunday via Zoom every week (30 min block window) in order to get the pins for their hats. See dbKids website for times and for more information.

Practice the verse at home or life group by using a whiteboard and wiping away words and repeating the scripture until all the words are erased. (Tip: Make hand motions for younger kids)

Our SuperVerse for **Samuel** is **1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)**

“And the Lord came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Speak, Your servant is listening”

Our monthly verse for **September** is **Exodus 20:7a-8(ESV)**

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain... Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy

Prayer & Send Off

Ask for several praises & prayer requests. Explain that a praise is something we are thankful God has done and want to give him glory for, and a prayer request is asking God to help with a problem.

Dear God, please help me today to see how I can serve you. Help me to trust you even when I struggle. Also dear God we want to pray for... and praise you for... In Jesus' name, Amen.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Samuel Extra Game
- Samuel Footstep Pattern Week Activity
- Samuel Superbook Puzzle
- Samuel Dot to Dot

EXTRA GAME - Cup Stacking

- [Be an Example Card Sheet \(Click Here for PDF\)](#)
- Cardstock—two sheets
- Fourteen plastic or disposable cups
- Scissors
- Two 5th or 6th grade helpers
- Optional: two tables

Prep: Make two copies of the [Be an Example Card Sheet](#) on cardstock. Cut apart the cards, keeping the sets separate in two stacks. If using tables, place them near one end of the room. Place a set of cards and cups at the other end of the room. Use one stack of cards and seven cups—inside each other—for each team.

In the video, Joy asked Chris if Samuel was the one *Superbook* wanted them to meet. What did Chris answer? *Chris said no because Superbook said it would be someone called by God and Samuel was just a kid.*

Chris thought Samuel was too young to be called by God. Yet the SuperVerse tells us that we shouldn't let anyone look down on us because we are young! Samuel is a great example of how we can serve God no matter how young or small we are.

Read 1 Samuel 2:26:

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew taller and grew in favor with the lord and with the people.

Samuel grew physically and spiritually; he was liked by people and pleasing to God.

Hold up the cards and read them. These cards represent the characteristics described in the SuperVerse and SuperTruth. Samuel modeled these characteristics as he grew up and served the Lord. Now, each team is going to make a tower to represent Samuel as he grew up to be a strong and godly example that others could follow. The tower will grow taller, just like Samuel grew as he faithfully served the Lord. The first team to build the tower wins.

Divide the class into Team 1 and Team 2. The teams line up next to the cups and cards.

If the tower falls over at any point in the game—the helper should rebuild it as many times as necessary! The first player on each team will take a cup to the other end to start the tower.

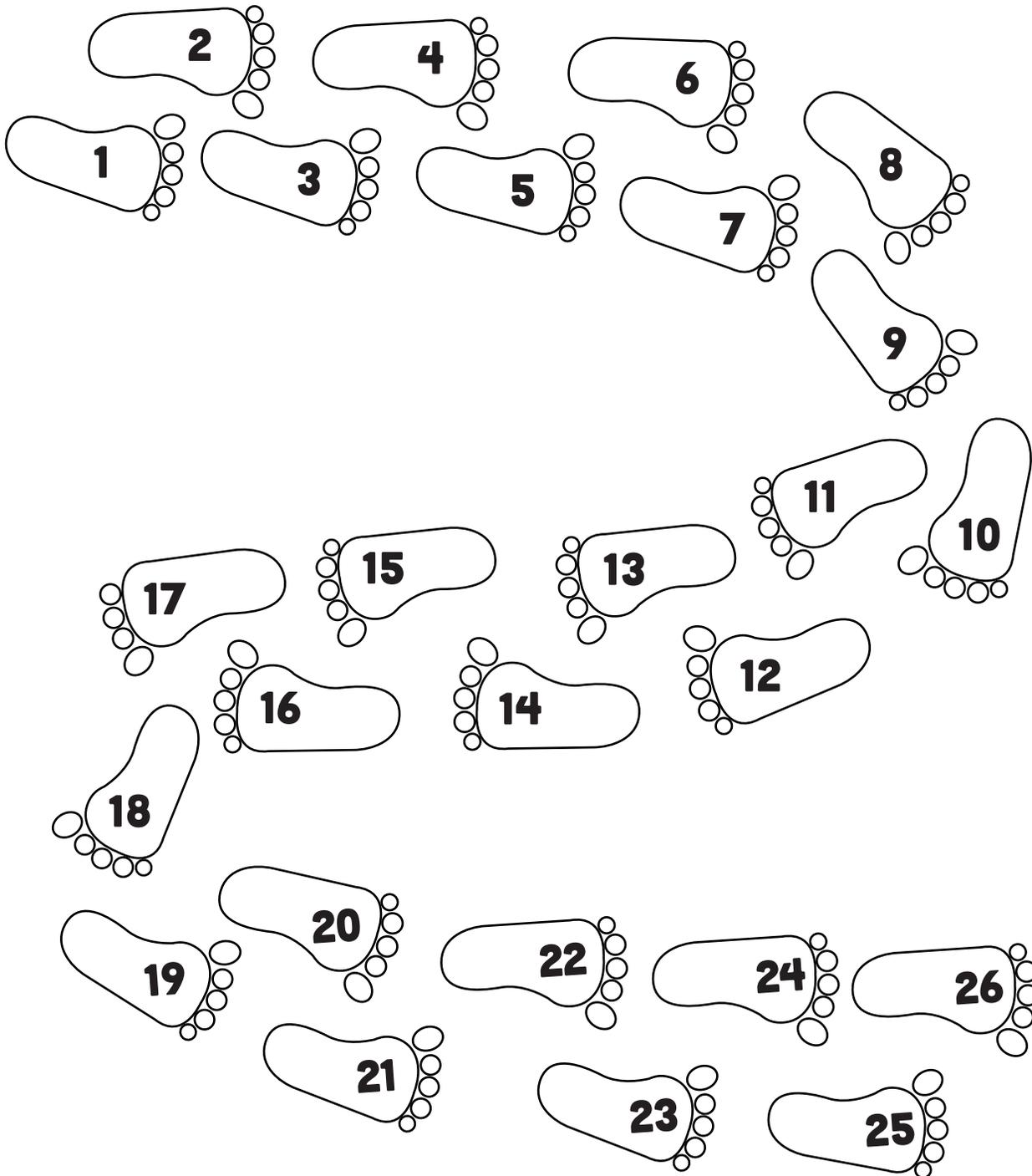
The second player takes a card to stack on the cup. Players alternate between cups and cards until the tower is completed, ending with a cup.

The first team that completes their tower wins.

Conclusion: **Samuel faithfully served in the Tabernacle. He was a godly example to others as he grew. Let's learn more about Samuel and how we can serve the Lord today!**

I dedicate myself to God today.

Every morning, ask God to guide your steps – then color a footprint.

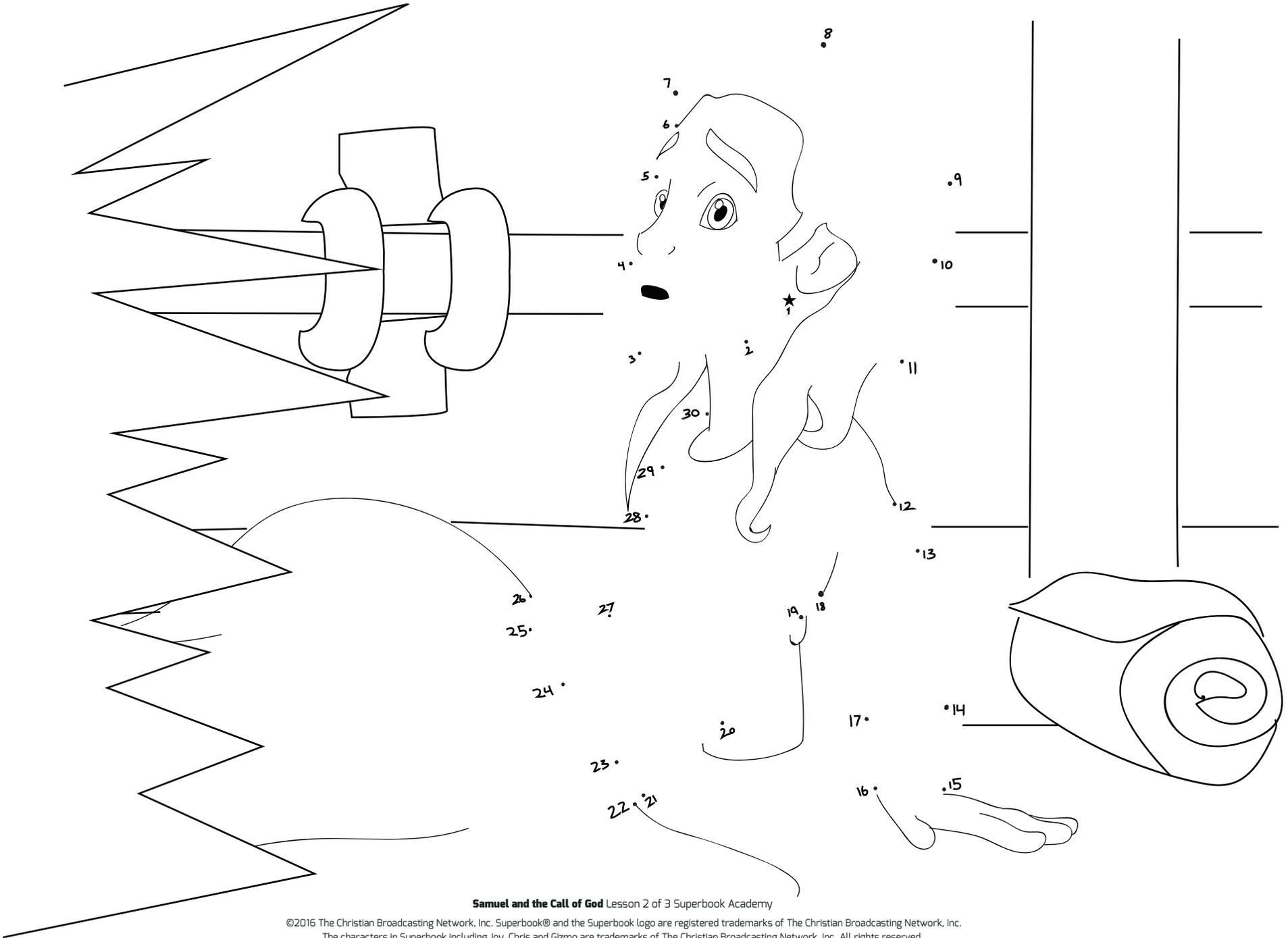


The Lord directs the steps of the godly.

Psalm 37:23



Dear God, help me to be an example!



Samuel and the Call of God Lesson 2 of 3 Superbook Academy