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The Call of God

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# 1 Samuel

LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 3



## FOR THE LEADER

In this lesson, we will see how Samuel discovered God's purpose for his life.

### KEY POINT

God has a purpose for my life.

### KEY VERSE

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

**Jeremiah 1:5**

*Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.*

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

### REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- Answers will vary.
- Answers will vary but could include: not being close to God; being too busy; not recognizing God's voice.
- Answers will vary.



## MATERIALS & PREP

Prepare a copy of the Student Handout for each boy.

- Blindfold for each boy

Read the lesson in advance, taking note of the main points. Be prepared to present the lesson to your group, but avoid reading it word for word. Include discussion with the group to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 3



## KEY THOUGHTS

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## READ

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

And the LORD said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli

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everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, “The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.” 1 Samuel 3:1–14

The boy Samuel grew up in the tabernacle. He served the priest Eli and helped wherever he could. God had a special plan for Samuel. Samuel was to be a prophet. As a young boy, he began hearing messages from God. He was to deliver God’s messages to the nation of Israel.

God has a purpose for your life, too. God has special things that only you can do, and they aren’t all things that have to wait until you are older to do. God wants to use you now for His purposes.

Samuel was able to be used by God for several reasons. First, he was willing. Samuel showed that he was a servant by being willing to do whatever Eli the priest needed done. He was willing for God to use him, too, no matter what God asked him to do.

Samuel stayed in God’s presence. Samuel worked, lived, and slept aware that God was nearby. God wants us to be aware that He is with us all the time, too. When we are open to hearing God’s voice and desire to be near to Him, God is certain to use us to do great things.

When God called to Samuel, Samuel didn’t ignore it and try to go back to sleep. Samuel did what he was told to do because he wanted to please God. If we want to be like Samuel, we need to be open to hearing God’s voice. And, when we hear Him, we need to be quick to obey.



### REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- Have you ever felt like God was asking you to do something? What was it? How did you respond?
- What are some things in life that could distract us from hearing the voice of God?
- What can we do to shut down those distractions so we can hear God clearly?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

**PRAYER:** Dear God, thank You that You have created me for a purpose. Please help me to be sensitive to hearing Your voice this week, and help me to obey everything You want me to do. Amen.



### RESPOND

Play a game to illustrate how we need to be sensitive to God’s directions for our lives. Give a blindfold to each Ranger and have them form a line. Have one boy without a blindfold give directions to lead the others around the room or outdoors. The one giving directions may only whisper, and the others must listen carefully for his directions. If all the boys arrive safely at wherever is chosen as the destination, they win the round. If time allows, give other boys the opportunity to be the leader.

Remember to read your Bible this week using the Bible reading plan of your choice. A recommended plan can be found in the Bible Reading merit or online at [royalrangers.com](http://royalrangers.com). Review this lesson with a friend or parent as a way to help you remember it.