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As Samuel grew up, he served with the priest, **Eli**, at the temple. Priests at that time had been chosen by God to lead his people. When they got old, their sons would take over as the new leaders.

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God called Samuel, and at first Eli and Samuel did not recognize God speaking. When Eli realized that it was God speaking, he told young Samuel how to answer. God told Samuel about the judgement/punishment that was going to happen to Eli's family because of the way his sons were behaving. Samuel faithfully told Eli everything that God had said even if it was bad news.

As Samuel continued to grow, God continued to speak to him and give him messages, through his word, to give to the people. God made sure that what Samuel said happened. So God made Samuel a prophet, delivering God's message to the people.

Eli's sons were wicked and unfit to lead Israel (God's people) so God called Samuel in their place. Like Samuel, those who lead God's people must eagerly hear God's word, obey it and faithfully teach it to others. Pray for your leaders and teachers to be like this.



Who were Eli's sons? (2:13) Circle the correct answer

Servants

Prophets

Priests

Cooks

What wicked things did they do?

1. Took m _ _ _ from God's s _ _ _ _ _ before they should have (2:15, 17)
2. Did not obey God's laws for m _ _ _ _ _ (2:22)
3. S _ _ _ _ _ against God (2:25)

What did Samuel do at the temple? (2:26, 3:1) Tick the correct boxes

Copied Eli's sons

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Who did Samuel think had called him? (3:4-5) _____

Who had really called Samuel? (3:10) _____

What did he tell Samuel? (3:12-14) He would j _ _ _ Eli's f _ _ _ _ .

What happened as Samuel grew up? (3:19-4:1a) Cross out the wrong words.

God was with ~~his people~~ / ~~Samuel~~ and spoke to him. Samuel ~~spoke~~ / ~~sang~~ God's word to the people and they ~~recognised~~ / ~~rejected~~ him as a prophet / priest .

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God's people are led by God's word and therefore a faithful leader is needed to speak them. God did this through Samuel then, but he has done this even more clearly today through his son - Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-3). Read God's word to hear from God.



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