Here I Am Kidzone Lesson Sun Am 2/26/23

# Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 3:10 NKJV

# 10Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

Target Thought: God calls each of us.

Today we are going to learn about another Bible Superhero, Samuel. You may remember that Samuel was a mighty prophet of God. Among other things that Samuel did for God was he anointed king David. Samuel begin serving God when he was just a young boy. Let’s start at the beginning of the story.

Samuel's mother, Hannah, wanted a son more than anything, so she prayed and asked God to give her one. Hannah promised God that if He would give her a son, she would give Him back to the LORD to serve him all the days of his life. God gave Hannah the son she asked for and she kept her promise to God. When the boy was old enough, she took him to the temple and presented him to Eli, the priest. So Samuel served in the temple under Eli. Samuel loved God and wanted to be all of his life serving God. Samuel had been taught by Eli who God is and how to love and serve God.

One night Samuel was sleeping when he heard someone call his name. He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am; you called me," he said to Eli."I didn't call you," Eli answered, "go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed. Samuel was so willing to serve God by working with Eli in the temple that he was willing to get up in the middle of the night to do whatever God needed him to do.

Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" Samuel jumped out of bed and went to Eli. "Here I am; you called me.""I didn't call you, go back to bed," Eli answered a second time.A third time God called Samuel and Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am; you called me," he said.

Finally, Eli realized that it was God who was calling Samuel. He told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if He calls you again, say, 'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

Samuel went back to bed and sure enough, again he heard the voice of God calling, "Samuel! Samuel!" This time Samuel answered as Eli had told him, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Some people think that God only calls grown-ups. But Samuel was just a young boy when God called him. God knows your name just as He knew the name of Samuel and God still calls boys and girls today saying, "Come, follow me." So, listen for God's call and answer just as Samuel did, "Here I am!"

Dear God, today we are listening for Your call. You have something special for us to do. When You call, we will answer, "Here I am." In Jesus’ name, amen.

1. What did Eli teach Samuel as a young boy?
2. Was Samuel willing to do whatever God told him to do?
3. How did Samuel answer God when God called him?