



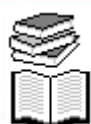
Samson - Ruth - Samuel - David - Solomon



There was a time of few messages or visions from God. God began to show himself again through words to Samuel. Plans were made for appointing Saul as king of Israel.



Samuel was born in answer to Hannah's prayer, "If you give me a son, I will _____." [1 Samuel 1v11]
He began to serve God when he was a young boy. [1 Samuel 2v11]
Samuel was called to hear from God and speak for him.
Read 1 Samuel 3. Samuel answered, " _____."
_____." [1 Samuel 3v10]



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| Samuel is born and dedicated to God. | 1 Samuel 1 |
| God speaks to him for the first time. | 3 |
| Samuel leads Israel. | 7 |
| The people ask for a king. | 8 |
| Samuel anoints Saul to be king. | 9-10 |
| Samuel speaks to the people about obeying God. | 12 |
| Samuel rebukes Saul for disobeying God. | 13; 15 |
| Samuel anoints David to be king. | 16 |



Samuel did the work of:-
- **prophet** [1 Samuel 3v19-21]
- **priest** (teaching [1 Samuel 7v3-4], offering sacrifices [1 Samuel 7v9], and praying for the people [1 Samuel 7v9])
- **judge** [1 Samuel 7v15-17].



God wants the **right people** doing his work in the **right way**.

Samuel's sons were the **wrong people** to be leaders. They were interested only in _____. [1 Samuel 8v1-3]

Saul, the chosen king, did things in the **wrong way**. "I _____ of the Lord's command and your instruction. I _____ and _____." [1 Samuel 15v24]



Samuel & Jesus

Their births were special

What was special about Samuel's birth?

What was special about Jesus' birth?

They were used by God as children

Samuel stayed in Shiloh and _____.
[1 Samuel 2v11]

Jesus stayed in Jerusalem [Luke 2v43]. "Did you not know that I had to be _____?" [Luke 2v49]

Their growing up was special

Compare 1 Samuel 2v26 with Luke 2v52.

Samuel's work was linked to Jesus

In speaking about what God had done through Jesus, Acts 3v24 mentions Samuel as one of those who said it would happen.



Read 1 Samuel 12v1-5. Samuel did well in what God had given him to do. What have you been given to do? In what ways can you be like Samuel?