



International Bible Lessons

Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Ready-to-Teach Lesson: Speak, for Your Servant Hears

1 Samuel 3:8-20 (English Standard Version)

When Preparation Time Is Short

This lesson has been selected from the complete Teacher Lesson and is ready to use. Begin with the two warm-up questions, read or play 1 Samuel 3:8-20, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework. Teacher Awareness: This passage includes God's judgment, the sins of Eli's sons, and Eli's failure to restrain them. Explain difficult words simply and sensitively. Focus on Samuel's faithful listening and truthfulness.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. How do you show someone that you are listening carefully?
2. Why can telling the truth sometimes be difficult?

2) Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
perceived	Understood or recognized something.	What did Eli perceive?
servant	A person who serves another.	How did Samuel describe himself?
restrain	Hold back or stop someone from doing wrong.	Whom did Eli fail to restrain?
prophet	A person who speaks God's message.	What did all Israel know about Samuel?

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. What did Eli realize about the voice Samuel heard?
2. What did Eli tell Samuel to say if God called again?
3. Why did God say He would punish Eli's household?
4. Did Samuel hide any part of God's message from Eli?

4) Scripture Discussion

1. What does Samuel's answer show about his willingness to listen?
2. Why was it important for Samuel to tell Eli the whole message?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Retell 1 Samuel 3:8-20 in your own words.
2. Explain why Samuel was afraid and what he did afterward.

Language Coaching Tip

If a student gives a short answer, invite a complete sentence: 'Can you tell me more?' 'What happened next?' or 'Can you say that in a complete sentence?' Correct gently and model the sentence when needed.

6) Writing Task

Writing

Summarize 1 Samuel 3:8-20 in 6-8 sentences. This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

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Eli recognized that the LORD was calling Samuel and taught him how to respond. Samuel listened to God's message about Eli's household. Although he was afraid, Samuel told Eli everything. The LORD was with Samuel, and all Israel recognized him as a prophet. **Remember:** "Listen carefully to God's Word, and speak the truth faithfully, even when it is difficult." **Final Question:** What can Samuel's example teach us about listening to God and faithfully telling the truth?