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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God who call us, your call comes often when we do not expect it. Incline our ears to hear what you are saying, and grant us courage to do what you ask. In Jesus' name, Amen.



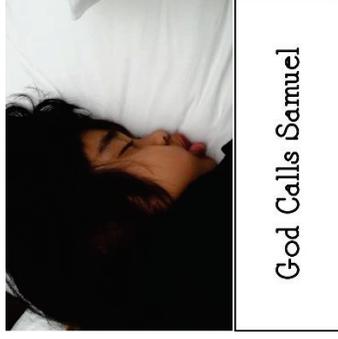
Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

It takes several tries before young Samuel realizes that the One calling him in the night is God, rather than his master Eli. But delivering the message will prove even trickier.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time God called you to do something you were reluctant to do. (When was it hard to do the right thing?) How did you find the courage to do it?

Wonder: How would your 11-year-old self have responded to a call by God?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you courage to come when called. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Compare a current news story in a variety of news outlets.

Check the newspaper, TV networks, and social media. How is the story different depending on whose voice is speaking? Who do you believe? Why?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, 1 Samuel 3:1-21, God Calls Samuel
Monday, 1 Samuel 4:1-11, The Ark of God Captured
Tuesday, 1 Samuel 5:1-12, Philistines and the Ark
Wednesday, 1 Samuel 6:1-16, The Ark Returned
Thursday, 1 Samuel 8:1-18, Israel Demands a King
Friday, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, Samuel Anoints Saul as King
Saturday, 1 Samuel 15:10-34, Saul Rejected as King