

Samuel: Growing, Glowing, “Whoa-ing”, Knowing

Scripture: Colossians 1-2 Review, 1 Samuel 1-7

Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 3:19 *“So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.”*

Lesson Focus: In our study of Colossians so far we have connected each lesson back to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and asked the question: ***Now What?*** We have seen several answers: God would have us Grow, Glow, “Whoa”, and Know. We will pause in our study of Colossians and look at the life of Samuel. He was used by God in ancient Israel to do great things. We can see instances of how he was faithful in these same instructions. All classes (1st-5th grade) will watch a cartoon video following kids as they observe Samuel’s life. In this video, the kids will see Samuel faithfully following God both as a young boy and as an adult. We will connect this video back to our study of Colossians and identify ways in which Samuel was growing, glowing, “whoa-ing”, and knowing.

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video (Superbook) that has some intense moments in it. While the video is very well done and appropriate, there are a couple of battle scenes and nightmares portrayed. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

If you would like to preview the video beforehand, you can find it here on Rightnow Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsShow/230513?episode=6>

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and puzzles available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring page or puzzle.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) At the beginning of the video, why didn't Chris want to reach out to the boy that broke into his house?
- 2) Why was Samuel serving in the tabernacle when he was so young? (**Read 1 Samuel 1:26-28**)
- 3) Why was God mad at Eli and his sons who worked in the temple?
- 4) Samuel was afraid to tell Eli what God said. But did he obey anyway?
- 5) When Samuel was all grown up, how did he show obedience and faith when Israel's enemies were about to attack?
- 6) Why did Chris change his mind about reaching out to Jason? Do you think God might be asking you to share His love with someone this week?

Go Deeper

- 1) In what ways did you see Samuel GROWING in his love and faith in God?
- 2) In what ways did you see Samuel GLOWING in his love and faith in God? **Read 1 Samuel 12:24**. How does this verse help us remember to GLOW?
- 3) In what ways did you see Samuel have a "WHOA" response to things that God did? What were some of the ways that God exercised His great power in this story?
- 4) **Read 1 Samuel 2:12**. How does this verse describe the primary problem of Eli's sons? By contrast, how do you see Samuel showing that he KNOWS the Lord?
- 5) **Read 1 Timothy 4:12**. Have you ever thought that you were too young or little to do something great for God? What does this verse and the life of Samuel teach us about this?
- 6) **Read Colossians 1:13-14**. Samuel was able to GLOW in the victory that God won for him. What victory do we GLOW in according to these verses?