

# Listening and Responding

*We say yes to God's plan for us*

Grades K-2: Lesson 5

*Goal: Students will identify ways they can begin to say yes to God's plan for them.*

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3:2-10

“...the Lord called Samuel... And Eli said to Samuel, ‘... if He calls you, say ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.’’ ...Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for Your servant is listening.’”

**Catechism** (cf. 2567)

In prayer, God calls man and man responds to His call.

**Lesson:**

Opening Prayer: “Dear God, help us to listen for your voice and say yes to you! Amen.”

- Have the story of God's call to Samuel acted out.
  - \* After viewing the skit share that God was calling Samuel, but Samuel did not understand. Today we are going to learn about some ways that we can begin listening to God so that we can hear His voice and understand what He is saying to us.

**Instruction:**

1. We need to pray to know God's plan for our lives. Praying is talking to God and listening to Him.
  - We can talk to God just like we talk to our friends. We can tell Him about our day, all the good things and the bad things that happen.
  - We don't only have to pray when we are in a Church. We can talk to God anywhere and everywhere.
2. There are many ways God speaks to us including:
  - At Church – through the readings and the words Father says.
  - Through the Bible which is God's Word.
  - Sometimes God speaks to us through our moms, dads, and teachers.
  - Sometimes God speaks to us in the good and bad things that happen during our day. He can help us to feel better when we are sad and he can help us to know when we have made a bad choice.

3. Play song “Pray” (available on album "Good Buddies by Mary Rice Hopkins and Company") <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qs3sLepAp7c>
4. When we hear God’s voice, it is also important for us to say “yes” to Him, just like Samuel did. Another person who said “yes” to God was our Blessed Mother, Mary.
  - Read story of the Annunciation from Catholic Children’s Bible (For example: The Story of God’s Love: My Bible Written by Melissa Wright)
    - God gave our Blessed Mother a choice. She didn’t have to say “yes” to being Jesus’ mom, but she did. We are so thankful to God for her “yes.” We want to always say “yes” to God too.
5. Teach “Yes, Lord” with hand motions (thumbs up for yes, form fingers to make L for Lord”- part of song “Trading My Sorrows” ” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=74&v=V6A8pv67B8k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=74&v=V6A8pv67B8k)
6. Remember God has a special plan for each of our lives, whether it’s to be a priest, religious, or a married person. Whatever He is asking, we want to say yes.

### **Closing:**

7. Ask Mary every day to help you to know what vocation God is calling you to. Pray one Hail Mary every day.
8. Pray one Hail Mary with the students. “Dear Mary, Help me to listen to God’s voice every day and to say yes to Him. Help me to know what vocation you are calling me to.”

### **Homework/A Step Beyond:**

Find pictures of priests, religious, and married couples and make a vocation collage. Create a special prayer space at home to pray each day for each family member’s vocation. Suggestions are to use a little table with a cloth, picture and/or statue of Jesus, Mary, and other special saints, flowers, and a candle.

### **Additional or Follow-up Activity**

Vocations Puppet Show (fun skit about children who discuss different vocations)

[http://www.catholicmom.com/puppet/Vocations\\_Show.pdf](http://www.catholicmom.com/puppet/Vocations_Show.pdf)