

## Dear Families:

Today in Sunday School, we read about Samuel. Samuel was a young boy who worked at the temple under the supervision of Eli, the head priest. One night as Samuel lay in bed, he heard someone calling his name. Samuel ran to Eli saying, here I am- I heard you calling me. Eli had not been calling for Samuel, and he told the boy to go back to bed. This same exchange happened two more times. Finally, Eli realized that it was God speaking to Samuel. He told the boy to go back to bed, and if he heard the voice calling him again he was to answer, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel did as he was told and when the voice called again, Samuel was ready. God had an important message for young Samuel. Samuel became a prophet at a young age. We, too, have messages from God. Sometimes, like Samuel, we just aren't listening the right way. We may think it is something else and not God that is trying to tell us something. We need to make sure that when God calls us to do something, even though it may be difficult or unpleasant like Samuel's message was, we are ready to listen and obey.

This week also saw the return of our hot chocolate sales! We will be selling hot chocolate for \$1 per cup after worship- unless there is a luncheon or other special event. All proceeds will benefit Literacy of Love. Thanks in advance for your support!

The youth are also planning another candle-making day in February during the schools' Winter Recess. Keep watching for further updates.

Thank you for joining us today!

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