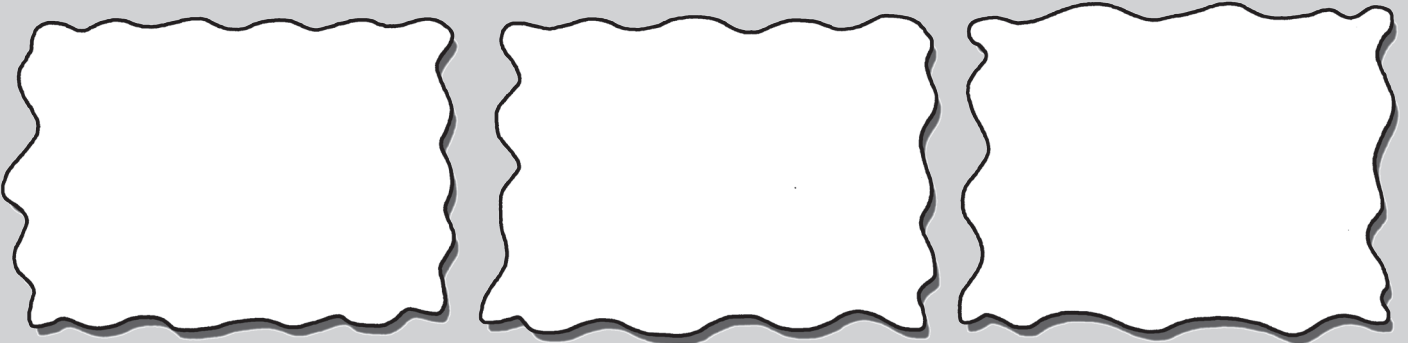# God speaks to Samuel

Samuel lived in the tabernacle* learning all about the work he must do for God. He was too young to serve as a priest, but still he worked for God. Draw some of the things he might have done - 1 Samuel 3 v 1-3 might give you some ideas.
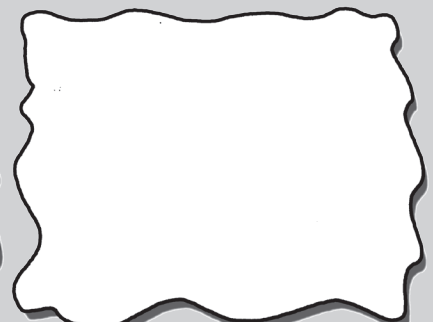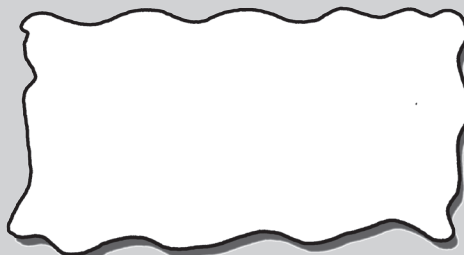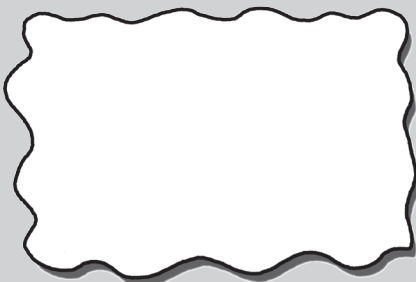
*Although the Bible refers to a temple, it must still have been some sort of tent. (1 Samuel 3:3, 2 Samuel 7:1-6)

Choose the right words from the brackets

One (day / night) Samuel was sleeping in (the garden / Eli's house / the tabernacle) when he heard (a voice / the doorbell / someone singing). Thinking it was Eli, he ran to him, but Eli hadn't (sung / called / rung the bell) and he send Samuel back (home / outside / to bed). This happened (ten / two / six) more times. Finally (Eli / Levi) told Samuel "Go and (hide / lie down) and if you hear the voice again, say 'speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'"

Samuel did this and when the (music / voice / bell) came again, he replied. Then God spoke to him and told him that Eli's wicked (sons / daughters / servants), Hophni and Phinehas, would die. Samuel was (happy / afraid) to tell Eli what God had said, but he did. God was with (Samuel / Hophni / Samson) all through his life.

Never too young
What can you do for God?

In God's house …

What were Eli's sons doing in God's house?
Read 1 Samuel 2 v 13-16

When someone brought a
.... for the Lord, they
would stick a .... into the meat
and bring out the best bit to keep for
.... It doesn't sound very
bad but v 12 tells us that they had no
....

Was it different in Jesus' time?
Read John 2 v 13-16

Jesus was angry that they were
.... in God's
house. He called them
" .... "

(Luke 11 v 29)

Some readings for next week:

Sunday	1 Samuel 2	verses 18-20	Why do you think Eli did not realise that God
Monday		verses 22-26	was speaking to Samuel? Tuesday's reading.
Tuesday	1 Samuel 3	verses 1-5	may help.
Wednesday		verses 6-8	Why do you think Samuel did not realise that
Thursday		verses 9-13	God was speaking to him? See Wednesday's
Friday		verses 15-18	reading.
Saturday		verses 19-21	How does God speak to us?