



Samuel's Call & the Ark Captured:

1 Samuel 3-6

Lesson 58 Visuals

- **Samuel ran to Eli three times because he thought Eli had called him.**
- **Finally, Eli realized it was the Lord calling Samuel's name. Eli told Samuel that when he heard his name being calling, he should say, "Speak LORD for your servant is listening."**
- **The message from the Lord to Samuel was about God's judgment on Eli and his sons.**
- **1 Samuel 3:19 says, "The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of the LORD's words fall to the ground."**
- **The word of the LORD was rare during the time of Judges. Today, we have Bibles that thankfully allow us to have the Word of the LORD.**



- **4,000 Israelite soldiers were killed in battle. The Philistines defeated the Israelites.**
- **The Israelite leaders decide they needed the Ark of the Covenant to defeat the Philistines.**
- **Eli's sons Hophni and Phinehas came with the Ark into battle.**
- **All the Israelite soldiers were discouraged after being defeated. But when they saw the Ark, they shouted joyfully because they thought they would now have victory.**
- **The Ark did not bring victory to the Israelites though. They were defeated. And the Ark was captured by the Philistines.**
- **Just as the Word of the LORD had said, Hophni and Phinehas both died on the same day. They died in battle when the Ark was captured.**



- **When Eli heard that the ark was captured, Eli fell backwards off his chair, broke his neck and died.**
- **Eli, Hophni and Phinehas all died on the same day.**
- **Even though it didn't seem like it at the time, the LORD God was still in control and was still at work.**
- **The Philistines placed the Ark in the temple to their false god Dagon. The Philistines found Dagon the next morning lying face down on the ground.**
- **The next day, Dagon fell down again. This time his head and hands were broken off.**
- **The Philistines moved the ark to three different towns before they begged their leaders to send the Ark back to Israel.**
- **The Philistines who had the ark in their town broke out in tumors and some died.**



- **Two momma cows left their calves and walked straight to Israel. The cows did not turn to the right or to the left. It was a miracle because cows don't leave their calves behind.**
- **The people in Beth Shemesh were so happy to have the Ark back in Israel. But 70 men from there died when looked inside the Ark. God's presence was too powerful for them.**
- **God's presence is too holy and too powerful for sinners.**
- **Jesus death and resurrection makes it possible for our sin to be removed so that we can come into God's presence and live.**
- **Forgiveness does not come automatically though. You must repent (turn from your sin), believe in Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and receive Jesus as your king.**



- **When you repent, believe and receive Jesus, you are saved. You are forgiven and your sins are removed. Now you can come into God's Holy and Powerful presence and live. Jesus alone makes salvation possible.**