

Helping at the Tabernacle

1 Samuel 1:28; 2:11,18-21,26

Samuel Wakes Up

Eli lived and worked in the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was a special place to worship God.

“Samuel, Samuel,” Eli called. “Samuel, it’s time to wake up and start a new day at God’s Tabernacle.”

Samuel sat up and rubbed his eyes. He jumped out of bed. Quickly he put on the coat his mother had made for him. Then he ran to where he ate breakfast each morning with Eli. After breakfast Samuel began helping Eli.

Samuel Helps

Eli had a special job at the Tabernacle. He prayed to God for others. And Eli taught people about God. Samuel had a special job, too. He helped Eli take care of the Tabernacle.

Sometimes Eli would say, “Today you may polish the tall candlesticks and fill the water bowl.” Samuel rubbed the candlesticks until they were shiny bright. Very carefully Samuel poured water into the big bowl.

“We will need some firewood from the woodpile,” Eli told Samuel. “Please get some more wood.” Samuel obeyed Eli. He carried firewood from the woodpile to the Tabernacle. Samuel might have swept the floors, too.

Eli gave Samuel other jobs to do. And Samuel obeyed all Eli said. When all the work was finished, Eli said, “Open the doors to the Tabernacle. Let the people come inside.”

Many people came inside. The people thanked God. They sang glad songs to Him. They told God that they loved Him. When all the people went home, it was Samuel’s job to close the doors.

Every day Samuel grew taller and stronger. And every day Samuel must have listened quietly while Eli read from the big Bible scrolls. Samuel learned from God’s Word how to help and obey, just like you do!

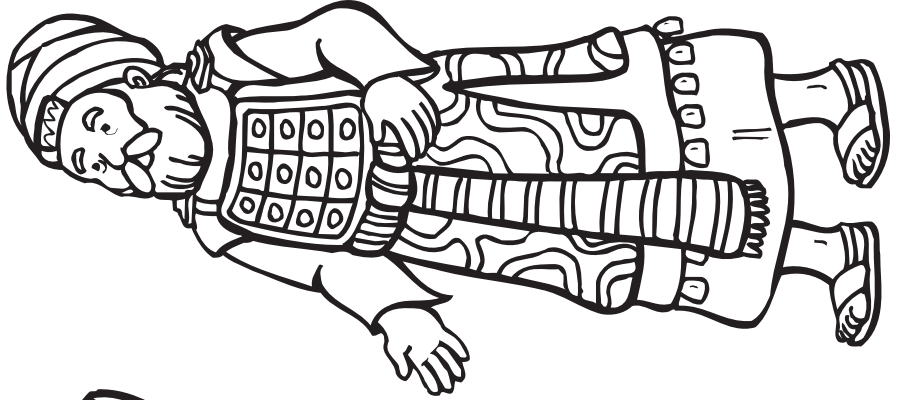
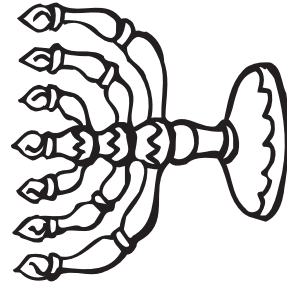
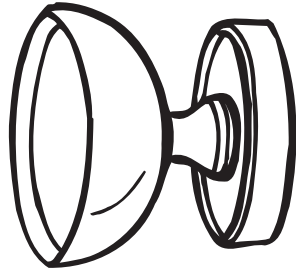
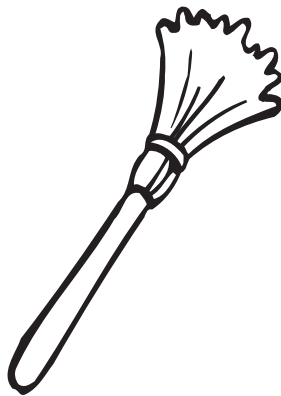
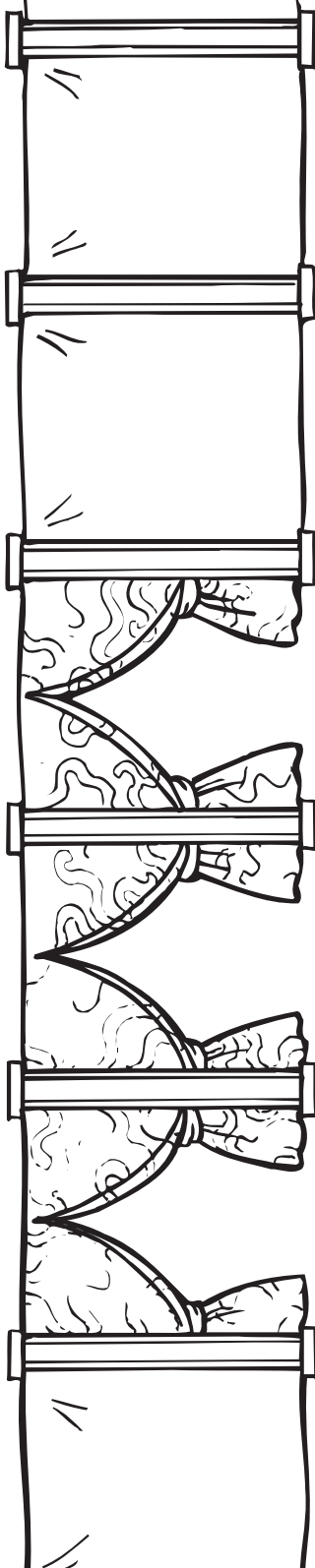
Conclusion

Samuel obeyed God by learning to be a helper at the Tabernacle. We can be helpers, too. We can be helpers to show how much we love the Lord.

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“Whatever you do, do your work for the Lord.”

(See Colossians 3:23.)

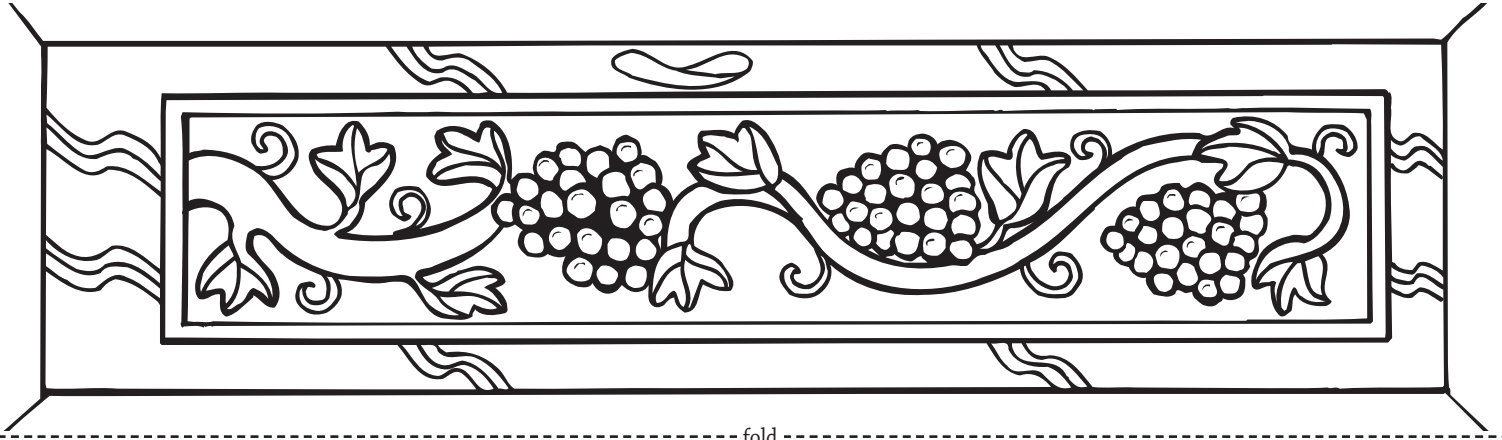


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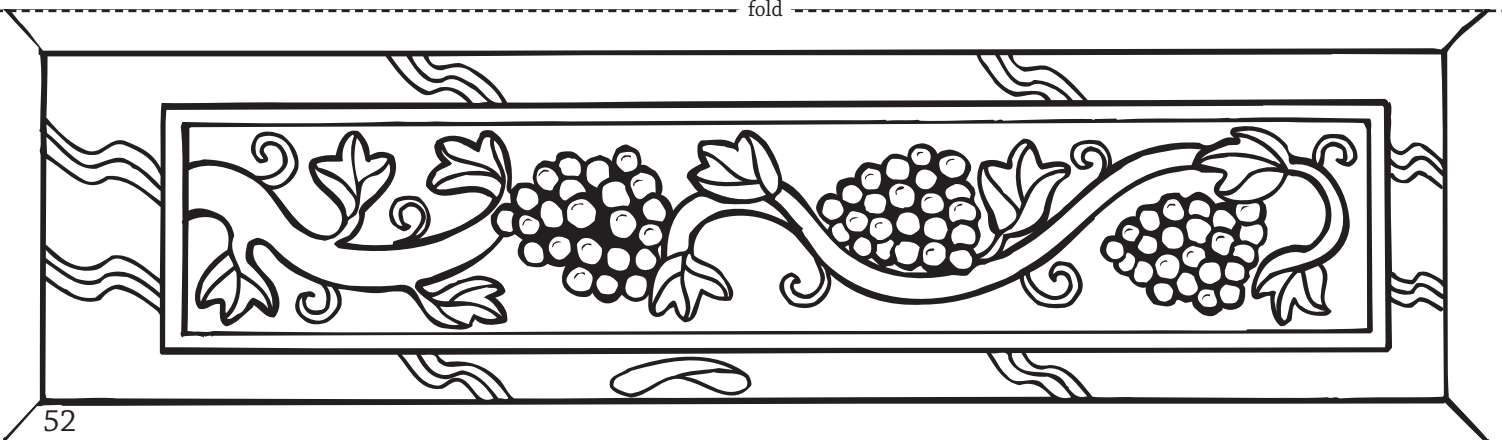
- What did Samuel do to help in the Tabernacle?
- What work can you do to help others?

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