

Two more times the Lord called.
Both times the boy went to Eli.

Eli now realized it was the Lord calling Samuel.
Eli told Samuel to say
"Speak Lord, your servant is listening"
the next time he heard the voice.

The Lord told Samuel that Eli's family would be punished
for the bad things they had done.

The people quickly found out that
the Lord was with Samuel
and that Samuel was the Lord's prophet.

Dear Lord, please help me to listen to your voice,
your voice in the Bible,
in my conscience and in other people

Chapter 4

Around this time,
the Philistines defeated the Israelites in a battle.

The Israelites then went to Shiloh
and took the Sacred Chest of the Lord.

They took the Sacred Chest into battle with them
but the Chest was captured by the Philistines.

In the same battle, Eli's two sons were killed.

When Eli heard that his sons were dead
and that the Sacred Chest had been captured,
he fell backwards off his seat, his neck was broken,
and he died.

Dear God, please don't let me cause unhappiness
for my family