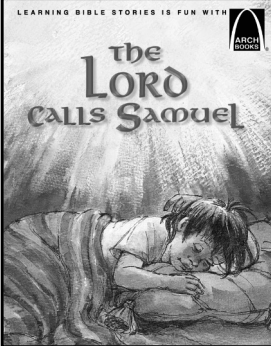


the book of 1st Samuel Thursday Morning Bible Class	LEARNING BIBLE STORIES IS FUN WITH ARCH BOOKS 
1 Samuel 2:27 – 4:22	

1

God Rejects Eli – 2:27-36 † 27 – A prophet tells Eli the message of God, going back to when God chose Aaron. † 28 – The tribe of Levi was chosen to be priests with three responsibilities: offer sacrifices, burn incense and wear the ephod (serve as high priest.) † 29 – The abuse: Eli honored his sons more than he honored God.	
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2

God Rejects Eli – 2:27-36 † 30 – Yahweh had promised that Aaron's house would serve God forever, but now he is changing that. † 31 – The judgement: Not only Eli's house but the whole house of Aaron would be cut off. † 32 – His family will die young. † 33 – His descendants will die by the sword.	
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3

God Rejects Eli – 2:27-36

- † 34 – Hophni and Phineas will die on the same day.
- † 35 – God will raise up a faithful priest. Who? Could point to Jesus, high priest after the order of Melchizedek.
- † 36 – The disgraced house of Eli will beg to serve if only to get a morsel of bread.

4

God Calls Samuel – 3:1-21

- † C. 1073 BC
- † Samuel's rise and Eli's decline.
- † 1 – The "boy" Samuel is serving under Eli.
- † "Word of the Lord was rare" – Prophetic visions were infrequent.
- † 2 – It's night, and both Eli and Samuel were lying down.

5

God Calls Samuel – 3:1-21

- † 3 – Samuel is carrying out the duties of the high priest.
- † 4-6 – The Lord called Samuel three times, and each time Samuel thought it was Eli.
- † 7 – Samuel did not "know" the Lord – he had not experienced God. Samuel was not yet a prophet.

6

God Calls Samuel – 3:1-21

- † 8-9 – The third time Eli understood that Samuel was being called by God.
- † 10 – The 4th time, Samuel responds the way Eli taught him.
- † 11 – God confirms the previous message to Eli.
- † 12-14 – God will punish the house of Eli and no amount of sacrificing will atone for their sins.

7

God Calls Samuel – 3:1-21

- † 15 - In the morning, Samuel seems to avoid Eli.
- † 16-17 – But Eli demanded to know everything.
- † 18 – So Samuel told him and Eli acquiesced to God's will.
- † 19-21 – From then on, Samuel was recognized as a prophet of God.

8

The Ark is captured – 4:1-11

- † C. 1069 BC
- † 1 – Now to the Philistines. Even though the word of Samuel was heard throughout Israel, it would seem that the people did not consult him.
- † 2 – The first battle – Israel loses 4000.

9

The Ark is captured – 4:1-11

- † 3 – Why did they lose? They assumed that God was not with them because they left the Ark in Shiloh.
- † This “God in a box” mentality is a form of idolatry, trusting the Ark instead of the one enthroned on it.

10

The Ark is captured – 4:1-11

- † 4 – So Hophni and Phinehas brought the ark.
- † 5 – When the ark arrived, the army shouted.
- † 6-8 – The presence of the ark instilled fear in the Philistines because they had heard the stories of what Yahweh did to the Egyptians.
- † 9 – But this motivated them.
- † 10 – Israel loses 30,000 and Hophni and Phinehas are killed.

11

The death of Eli – 4:12-22

- † C. 1069 BC
- † 12 – A Benjaminite came to Shiloh with signs of grief.
- † 13 – Eli was concerned, not about his sons, but about the ark.
- † 14-15 – Eli heard the uproar. He is 98 and blind.

12

The death of Eli – 4:12-22

- † **17** – The report: Israel is defeated; Hophni and Phinehas are dead; and the ark has been captured.
- † **18** – When he heard the news of the ark, Eli fell and died.
- † **19** – The wife of Phinehas went into labor when she heard the news.

13

The death of Eli – 4:12-22

- † **20** – While she was dying from the delivery, she was told she had a son.
- † **21** – She named him “Ichabod”, which means, “Where is the glory?”
- † **22** – Her husband dead, her father-in-law dead, and the ark captured – “the glory of God has departed Israel.”

14
