## **3.4** Large Group Lesson | Elementary



## LEADER DEVOTIONAL

Psalm 18:6 says,

"When I was in trouble, I called out to the LORD. I cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice.
My cry for help reached his ears."

What is your reaction to this verse? Here is mine: "Why do I keep forgetting this?" There are so many instances where I am going through a difficult time and I don't talk to God about it. You would think that if I had the ear of the Almighty God, I would never hesitate to call out to Him!

Sometimes I forget to bring Him in on my troubles and difficult decisions I must make. I rely on my own understanding instead of tapping into God's help and wisdom. Can you relate?

This week, as you prepare to lead the kids in the story of Samuel, spend some time calling out to God. Bring Him in on your problems and troubles. How infinitely better to have God's help than to rely on ourselves. Our cries do reach His ears!

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## Sunday Check-In

Sunday morning check-in to build connection, encourage spiritual growth, and reinforce our expectations upstairs.

1. Check-In (5-7 min):

Ask each child:

- What was a high from your week?
- What was a low from your week?
- Any prayer requests?

(Feel free to share your own too!)

2. Rule Reminder (2-3 min):

Go over our 3 rules for upstairs:

- 1. Respect God Worship, listen, use kind words
- 2. Respect People Be kind, share, follow leaders
- Respect the Building Take care of the space & supplies

Thanks for leading with love and consistency!

