

MESSAGE RECEIVED

HEARING GOD'S CALL

OVERVIEW

Session	Theme	Bible Text and Story Summary	Faith Focus	Bible Memory
1	Samuel	1 Samuel 3:1-21 Samuel, a young person, is called by God and gives a message to Eli. Samuel listens to God and Eli accepts the message.	God calls us to listen and respond.	Luke 11:28b Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!
2	Esther	Esther 4:13-17 Esther is called to go before the king to deliver a message that might save her people. In turn, Esther asks the community to fast and pray as she prepares for this responsibility.	God calls us to work together for what is right.	1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
3	Mary	Luke 1:26-56 The angel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her that she is favored of God and will have a baby, Jesus. Mary responds to this call with joy and trust in God's plan.	We are called to trust God's plan.	Romans 8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
4	Disciples	Matthew 4:18-22 and Luke 5:1-11 Jesus calls some fishermen to follow him. Jesus says that he will teach them how to fish for people.	Jesus calls us to follow him.	Mark 1:17b Follow me and I will make you fish for people.
5	Lydia	Acts 16:11-15, 40 Lydia already knows God but hears from Paul a call to open her heart and be baptized. She extends hospitality to others who follow Jesus.	God calls us to open our hearts to Jesus.	2 Corinthians 5:17a So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Texts are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible translation. Feel free to use a translation of your choice.

Encourage children to bring their Bibles to VBS to use during the Bible Response sessions. This is a good time for children to learn how to use the Bible.

Early childhood memory verse:
Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it! —Luke 11:28b