

FAMILY #2
WHAT GOD WANTS FROM EVERY CHILD
1SA 3

As parents we live with the responsibility of bringing up our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. We want God's best for them. We must instill in them a purpose and the idea that God requires something of them.

There are 3 things that God anticipates.

1. THE SERVICE OF THE CHILD

1SA 3:1 *And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli.*

- A. We must teach them the concept of worship. (praise, thanksgiving, etc)
- B. We must teach them the reverence of worship. (don't interrupt what God is doing).
- C. We must teach them the joy of worship. (music, dancing, hands lifted, clap the hands, shout, etc.)
- D. They must be taught to be involved in serving the Lord.
The involvement with the Lord leads to a.....

2. THE SEARCHING OF THE CHILD.

1SA 3:4 *That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here [am] I.*

1SA 3:5 *And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here [am] I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.*

1SA 3:6 *And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here [am] I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.*

- A. There are questions that every child wants to know about God.
- B. The time comes God will begin to put a hunger in their heart to know him.
- C. Samuel runs to Eli.- It is the voice of God beginning to take initiatives in his life.
- D. We must develop the opening that allows our children to be open toward seeking after God.

1SA 3:7 *Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.*

3. THE SURRENDER OF THE CHILD

1SA 3:9 *Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

1SA 3:10 *And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.*

- A. The home should be the place where a child begins to have special dealings from God.
- B. It is no longer Mom and Dad go to the house of God, but rather We are going to church.
- C. I want to help in the nursery...
 - Children's church
 - Church band
 - Move the church yard, etc.
- D. He is no longer serving because he has been taught, now he is serving because he has special dealings with the Lord.