

Bible Stories for Young Children

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GOD CALLS SAMUEL

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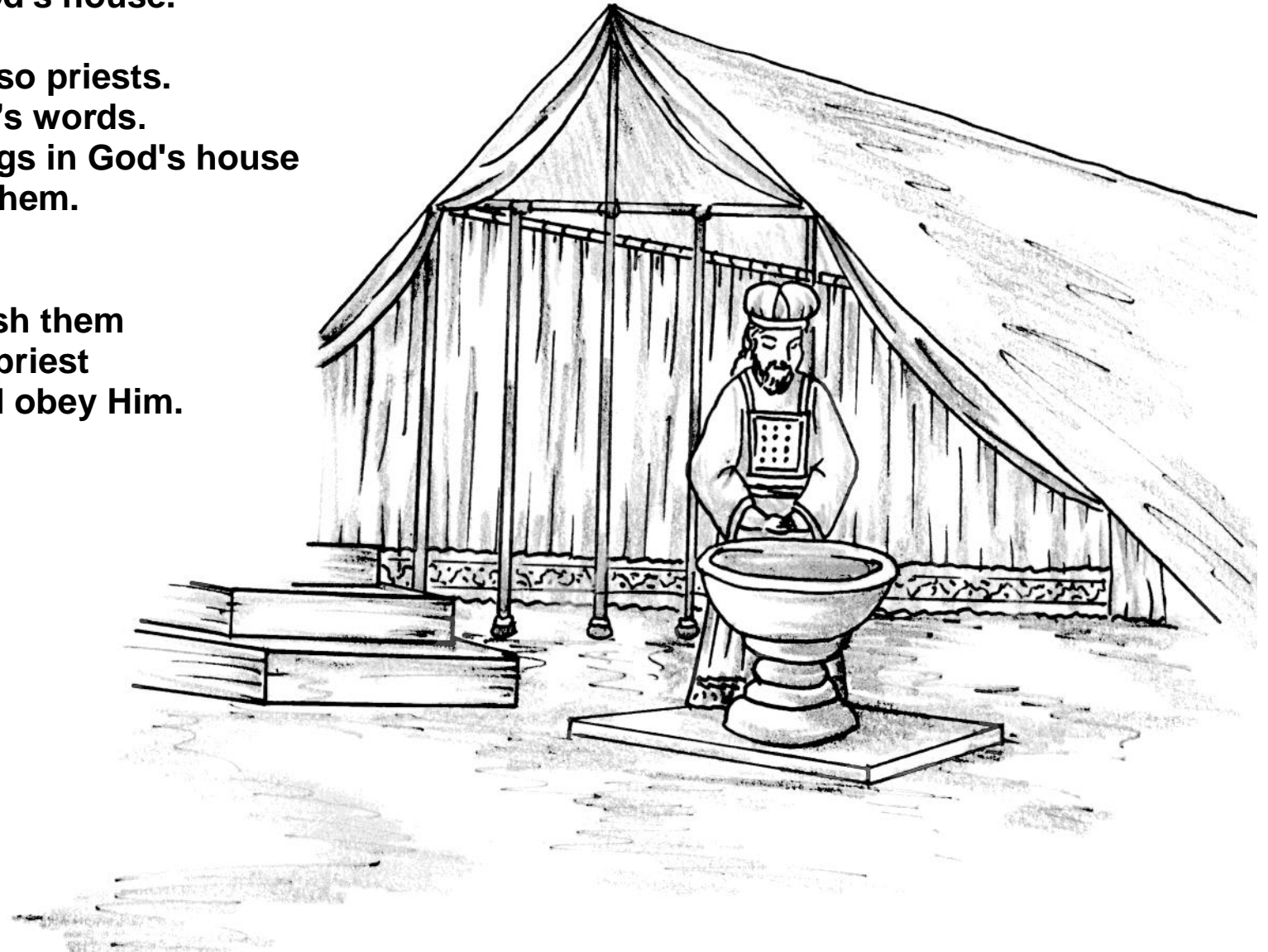
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Eli was a priest in God's house.

**His two sons were also priests.
They disobeyed God's words.
They did wicked things in God's house
and Eli did not stop them.**

**A prophet told Eli
that God would punish them
and choose another priest
who would listen and obey Him.**



**Samuel was now living with Eli,
in God's house,
and learning to be a priest.**

**Every year
his mother came to God's house
to bring her offering to the Lord.**

**She always had a new coat
to give to Samuel.**

**The Lord was pleased with Samuel
and the people loved him.**



One night when Eli and Samuel
had gone to bed,
Samuel heard someone call him.

He ran into Eli saying,
'Here I am. You called me.'

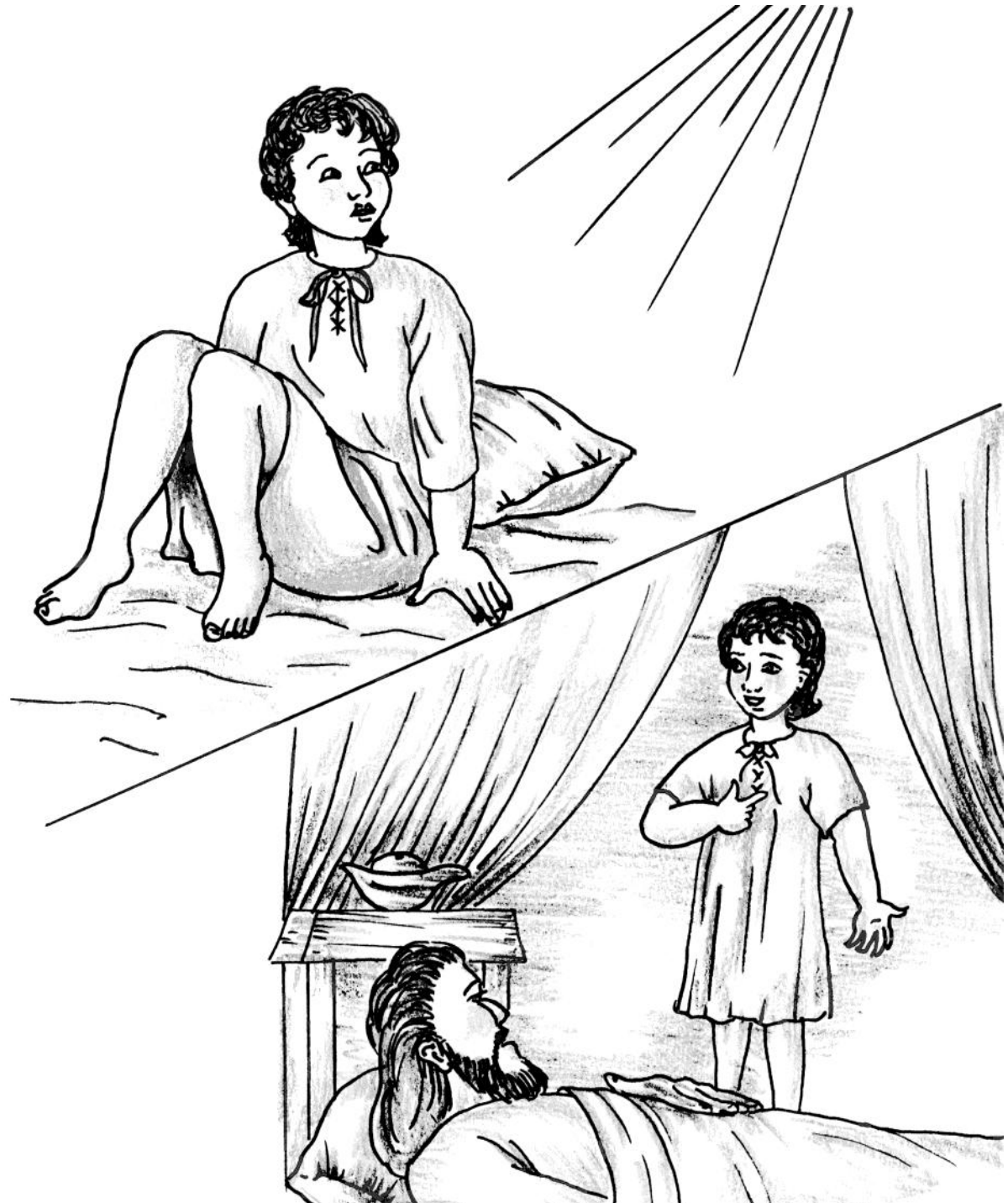
Eli said, 'No, I didn't call you.'

Samuel went back to bed
and he heard the voice again.

He ran into Eli saying,
'Here I am. You called me.'

'I didn't call you.
Go back to bed,' said Eli.

Samuel didn't know the Lord
and the Lord hadn't yet
spoken to him.



**Samuel had just got back into bed
when he heard his name again,
'Samuel! Samuel!'**

**Samuel ran to Eli and said,
'Here I am. You called me.'**

**Eli realised that
God was speaking to Samuel.**

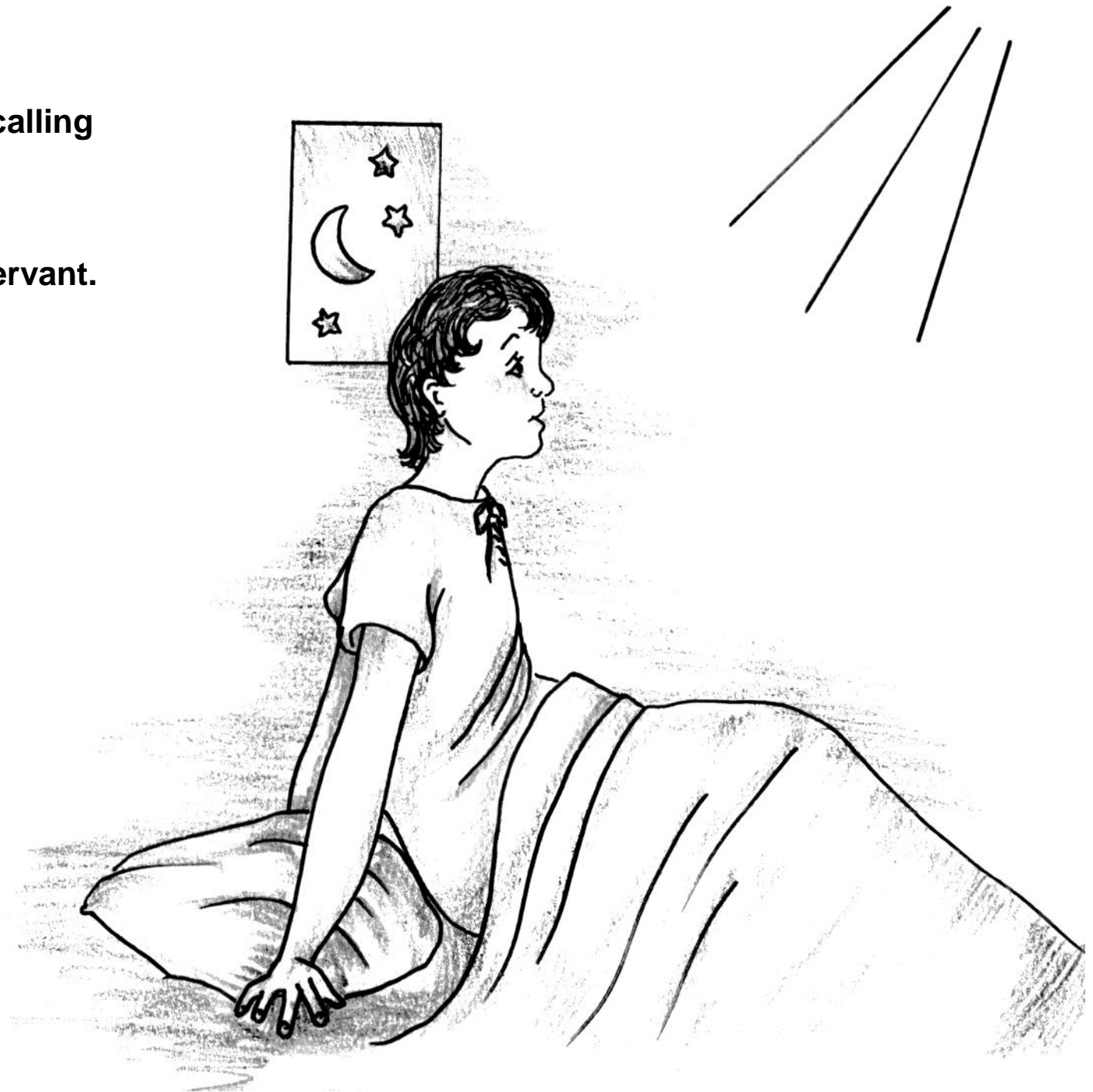
**He said,
'Go back to bed
and when you hear someone
call you again, say,
"Speak Lord, I am your servant.
I'm listening."'**



**Samuel waited in bed.
Then he heard someone calling
his name again.**

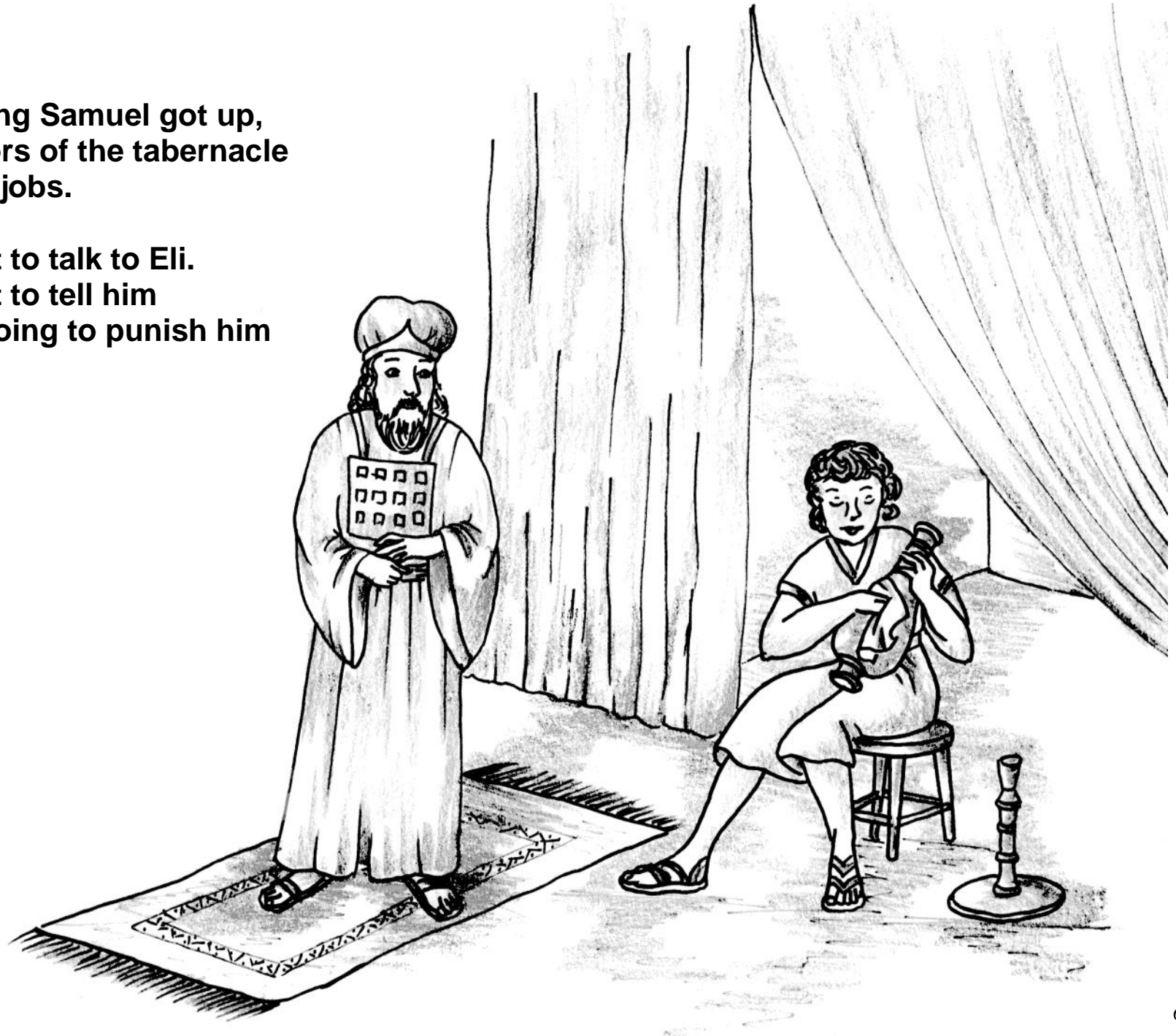
**Samuel answered,
'Speak, Lord, I am your servant.
I'm listening.'**

**The Lord told Samuel
about Eli's wicked sons
and that Eli
had not stopped them.
The Lord was going to
punish them.**



**The next morning Samuel got up,
opened the doors of the tabernacle
and started his jobs.**

**He did not want to talk to Eli.
He did not want to tell him
that God was going to punish him
and his sons.**



**But Eli asked him.
Samuel told him everything
God had said to him.**

**Eli replied,
'He is the Lord.
Let him do whatever is right.'**

