

# THE FISH TALE

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## All?

*God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins. Colossians 2:13*

The mother of a nine-year old got a call from her son's teacher. That is normally not a good thing. Preparing herself for the worst, Mom listened as the teacher said, "Today I saw something unusual, and I wanted to tell you about it." That wasn't much better. The teacher continued, "Early today, during our creative writing class, I gave an assignment. I began by telling Aesop's story of the ant and the grasshopper. You know the fable: the ant works hard, the grasshopper fiddles away the time. When winter comes, the ant has enough to eat, and the grasshopper asks for a handout.

"I asked the children to finish the story. Most of the class wrote, 'The ant shared, and both lived happily ever after.' A few had the ant saying, 'Sorry, Mr. Grasshopper, I only have enough for myself. If I share, we will both starve.' But your son ended the story in a unique way. His story ended, 'The ant gave all of his food to the grasshopper and the grasshopper lived happily, but the ant died.' At the bottom of his assignment, your son drew a cross." Quite an ending to the story, isn't it?



It should be the ending to our story, as well. Because of our sin, we, like the grasshopper, are doomed to die. We want to know, "Is there any way we can escape?" Philosophers will say that each of us is on our own. We can learn to live with our sins, deny them, or forget them. That's no help. Most of the world's religions say, "If you do the best, you can, maybe, just maybe, you might be saved." Sadly, they can't tell you when you've done enough. That's no help, either.

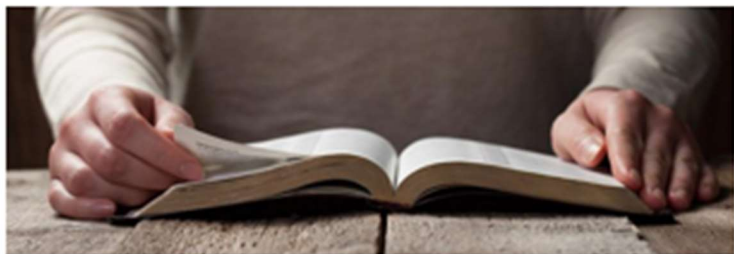
Only Christianity says that God, in the person of Jesus, came down and took our place. Only Christianity speaks of a Savior who endured hunger so we would be filled, went without an earthly home so we might have a heavenly home, suffered so we could be saved, and died so we might live. Jesus took our place. Only Christianity has the story end with us having our sins forgiven. Only Christianity promises that with faith in the crucified and resurrected living Savior you will live happily ever after. Only Christianity guarantees a happy ending!



By the late, Rev. Ken Klaus  
Lutheran Hour Ministries

# God Calls Samuel

**Read** *1 Samuel 2-4*



## Reviewing God's Word

Draw lines to match each word to its definition.

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|--------------|---|
| 1. Perceive  | A. To mock and show a lack of respect for God |
| 2. Blaspheme | B. To hold back from action                   |
| 3. Minister  | C. To serve by fulfilling priestly duties     |
| 4. Restrain  | D. To realize                                 |

## Thinking About God's Word

1. Why does the account say Eli's sons were worthless?
2. Who did Samuel think was calling him when he heard his name?
3. Who was really calling Samuel?
4. What did Samuel say when he realized the Lord was calling him?

5. What did God tell Samuel?
6. What was Eli's response when he heard what was going to happen?
7. How did God bring about the punishment He had promised?
8. What did the Philistines capture in battle?

### **Application of God's Word**

1. The Bible says that Samuel did not yet know the Lord because the Word of the Lord hadn't been revealed to him. How do we come to know God?

2. What can we learn from Samuel's example about how to respond to God's Word?

3. Samuel heard the voice of the Lord call out, "Samuel!" When did God call you by name to know Him and be His child?





## Staying Safe This Fall


### Prevent Seasonal Illness

- Remember the importance of handwashing correctly.
- Schedule a preventative health appointment with a physician.
- Maintain a nutritious and well-balanced diet.
- Make time for fresh air and exercise.

### Prevent Falls

- Area rugs can be secured with double sided tape. Ensure that there are no loose corners that could bunch up, creating a tripping hazard.
- Place non-slip mats near sinks and tubs to prevent slippery floors.
- Use nightlights in hallways and bathrooms.
- Enlist the help of an occupational therapist to advise on safety supports such as grab bars or extra railings.
- Autumn roads and sidewalks are covered in leaves and can be slippery, so be sure to clear driveways and walkways.
- Wear footwear with non-slip soles, at all times, inside and out.

### Protect Against Fires

- Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
  - Check appliances for any damaged or fraying electrical cords.
  - Have the furnace serviced.
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# The Call of Samuel

And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)

Based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10



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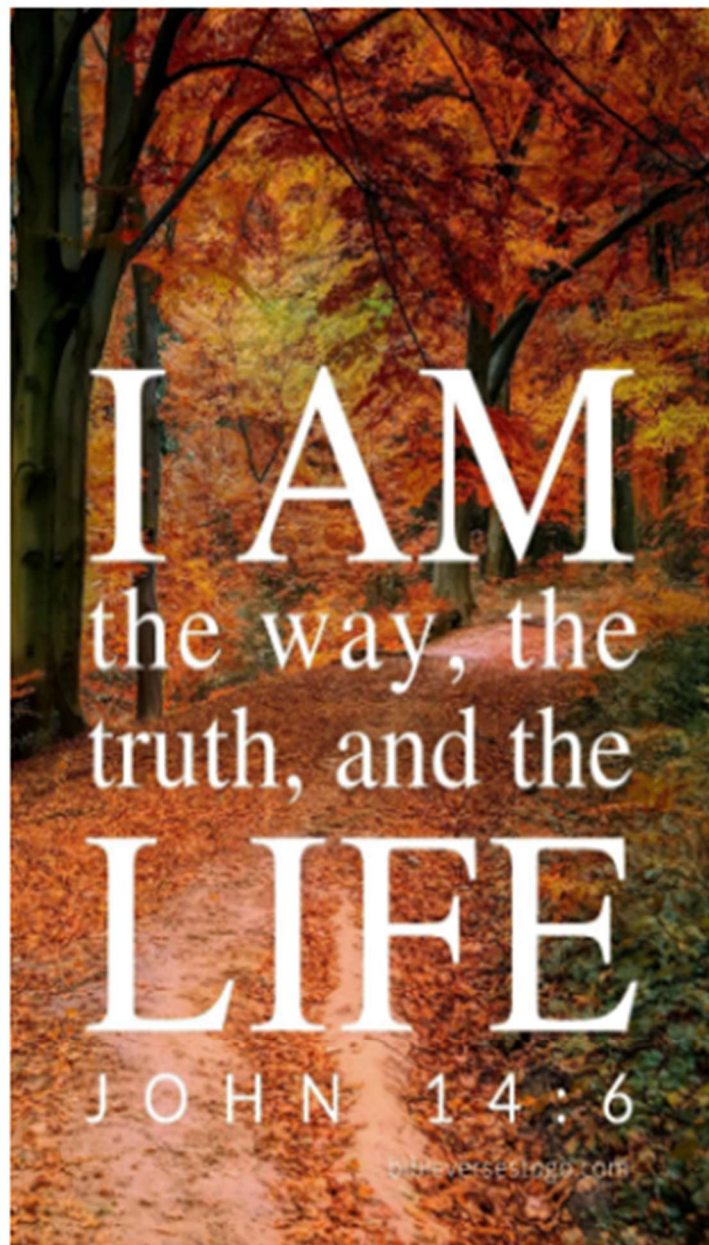
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**WORSHIP** WITH US

**Traditional Worship** – 5:30 PM Saturday (In Person)  
8:00 AM Sunday (In Person & Live Stream)  
**Contemporary Worship** – 10:30 AM Sunday (In Person & Live Stream)  
**Christian Education Hour** – 9:15 AM Sunday (In Person)  
**On-Line Bible Study** – 9:00 AM Wednesday (Live Stream)

# HUMOUR



**Opie:** Pa, when is Jesus coming back?

**Andy:** I don't rightly know, Opie. Ya see, we're not on the planning committee. We're on the welcoming committee.

*Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.*

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Instantly, the little girl continued drawing and said: "Well, they certainly will in a minute!"



A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin." he said.



HAPPY  
*Birthday*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sept. / Oct.**

### BIRTHDAYS

9/1 – Terry Correll \*  
9/2 – Norbert Hennen \*  
9/5 – Marlin Pautz  
9/9 – Dorothy Spaude  
9/13 – Dan Borchardt  
9/25 – Art Zaudtke  
9/28 – Kip Clapper  
9/28 – Jane Morsching \*  
10/3 – Doug Jasmer  
10/6 – Richard Kes  
10/6 – Robin Borchardt  
10/12 – Maru Vosberg  
10/14 – Leo Dorn  
10/14 – Tom Vosberg  
10/27 – Hazel Kohout

\* Denotes a milestone date

### OTHER DATES

9/4 – Labor Day  
9/10 – Grandparents Day  
9/11 – Patriot Day  
9/14 – Holy Cross Day  
9/21 – St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
9/22 – St. Michael & all angels  
9/23 – First Day of Autumn  
10/9 – Columbus Day  
10/16 – National Boss's Day  
10/18 – St. Luke, Evangelist  
10/18 – Immanuel/Senior Luncheon  
10/22 – Polka Service & German Dinner  
10/23 – St. James, Brother of Jesus  
10/28 – St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles  
10/31 – Reformation Day



### ANNIVERSARIES

9/10 – Jim & Sharon Rook  
9/12 – Scott & Lori Marek  
9/23 – Fran & Sandy Krueger - 35th  
9/25 – Art & Gerry Zaudtke  
9/28 – Doug & Nancy Jasmer  
9/29 – Dave & Becky Ascherman - 50th  
9/29 – Bob & Connie Norman  
9/30 – Gene & Bev Busacker - 35th  
10/2 – Jerry & Pat Will