

Make a telephone

As think about listening to God's voice, make your own telephone and see how easy (or hard!) it can be to hear someone else speaking.

To make your telephone, you'll need:

- 2 paper cups (or cans, such as based beans or soup, cleaned);
- about 6 feet of string;
- stickers, pens or pencils for decoration;
- a hammer and a nail (if you're using food cans).



First, decorate your cups or cans. You might like to draw a picture of Samuel in his bed, or of Nathanael sitting under a fig tree. Each was seen by God, even though they didn't yet know it – or that they were about to hear from God directly!

Carefully, pierce a hole in middle of the bottom of your cup by pushing the tip of a ballpoint pen or sharp pencil through it.

(If you're using cans, get an adult to *carefully* make a hole in the bottom of the can by hammering a nail into it.)

Pass one end of the string through the hole, and tie a large knot in the end – large enough that the string won't slip back through! Repeat this for the other end.

Your telephone is ready to use!

Find someone to talk to. Each take one end of the telephone and gently walk apart until the string is tight.

One of you should put the cup over their ear, and the other should put the cup over their mouth.

Can you hear them talking through your telephone?

Swap roles (listener becomes talker, and talker becomes listener). Can you hear your partner?