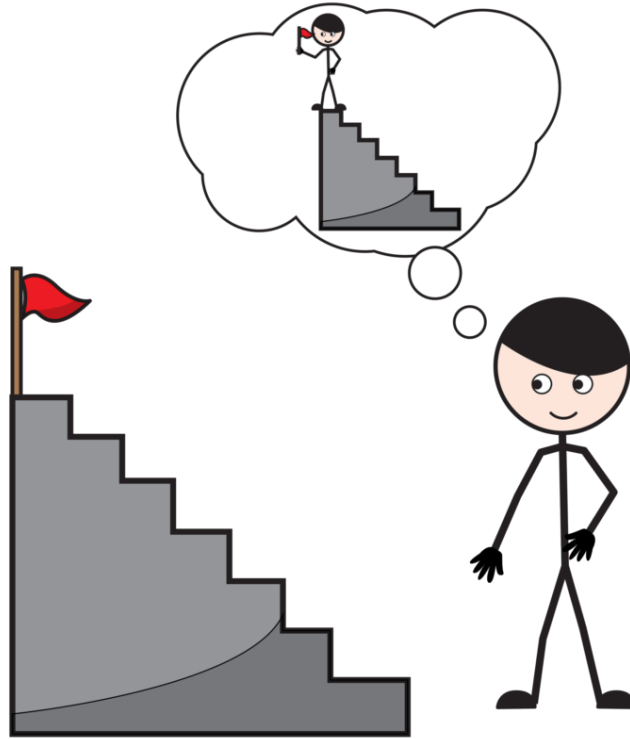
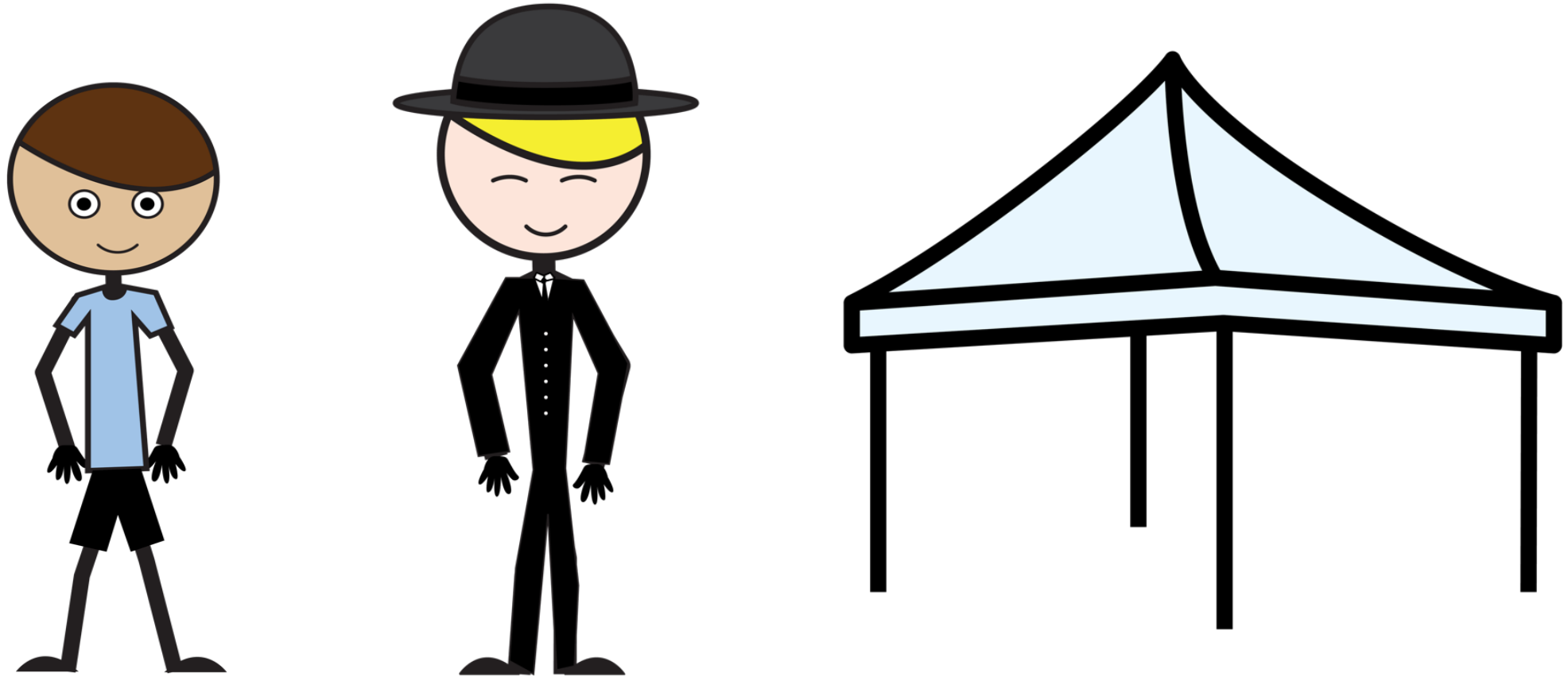


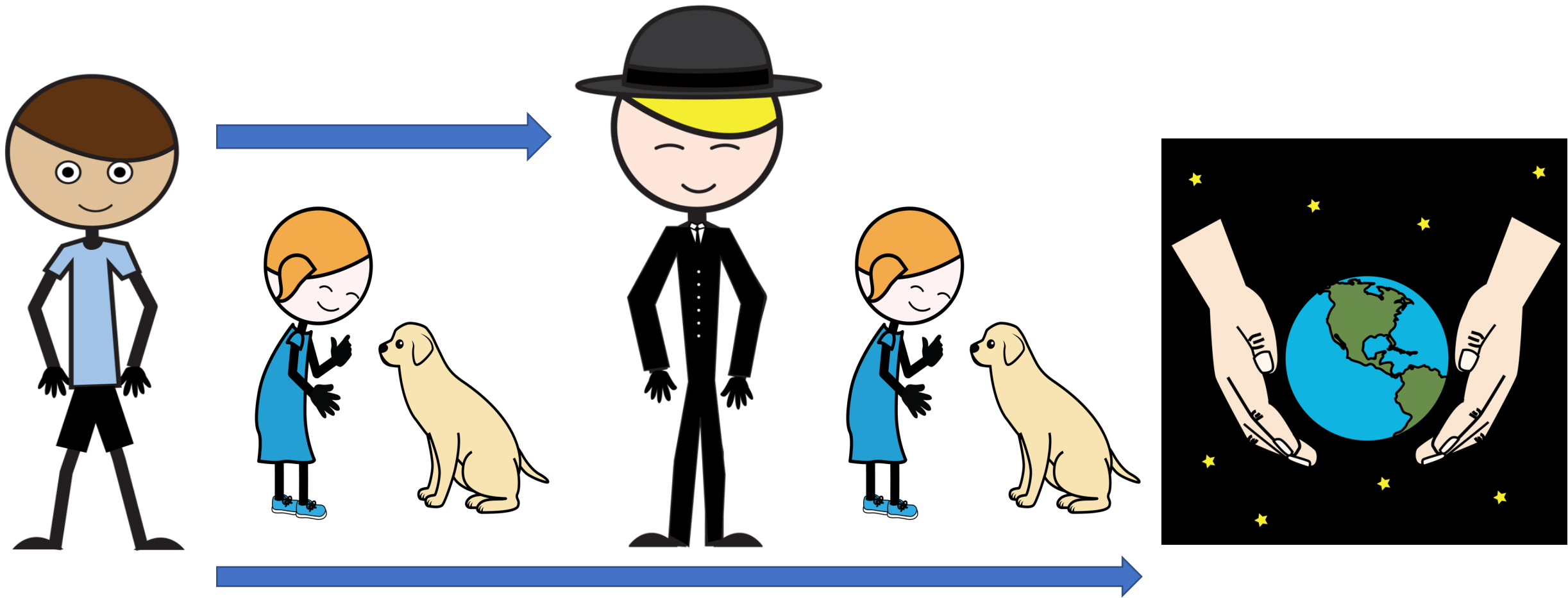
**This Week's Story:**  
**God Calls Samuel**



**This Week's Teaching Truth:**  
**God has a purpose for our lives**



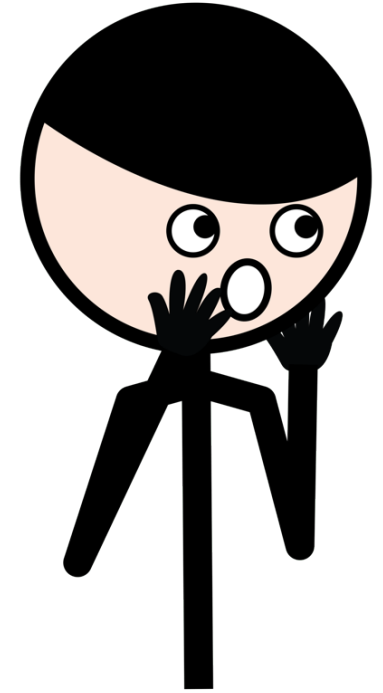
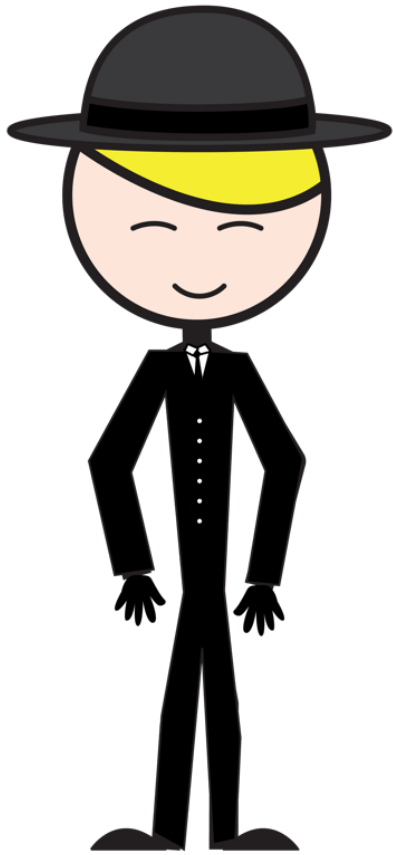
**Samuel lived in the tabernacle with Eli the priest.  
Eli was teaching him how to love and serve God.**



**Samuel did everything Eli told him to do.  
When Samuel obeyed Eli, he was obeying God too.**



**One night when Samuel was asleep,  
he heard a voice calling, "Samuel!"  
He got up and ran to Eli.**

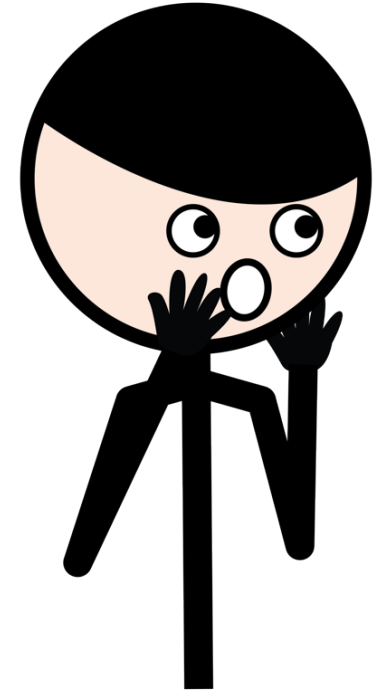
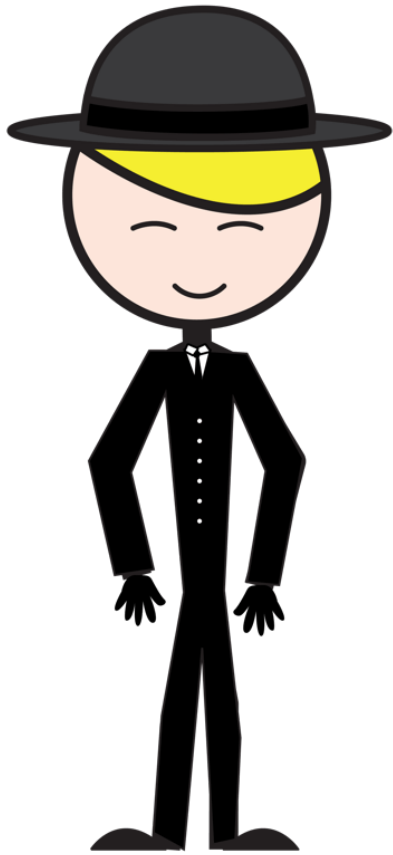


**Eli was sleeping.**

**Eli told Samuel that he did not call him and to go back to bed.**



**Samuel went back to sleep,  
but he heard the voice calling again. "Samuel!"  
He got up and ran to Eli.**



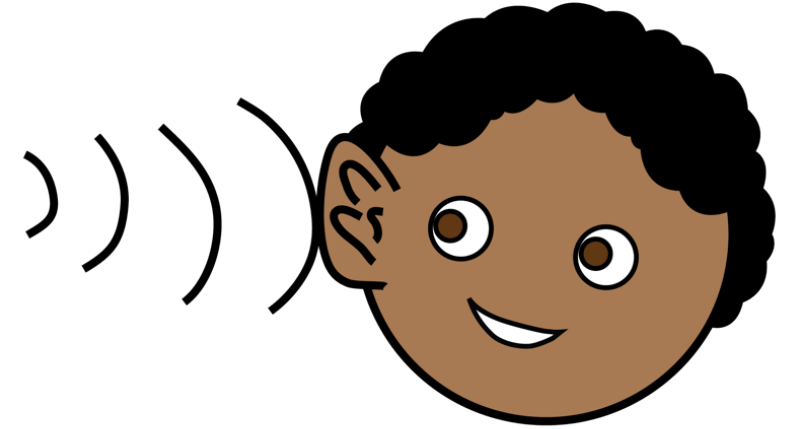
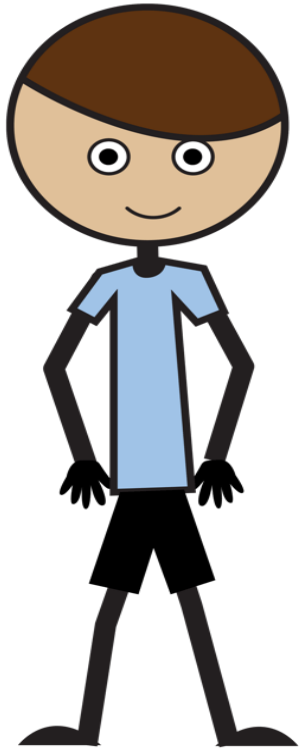
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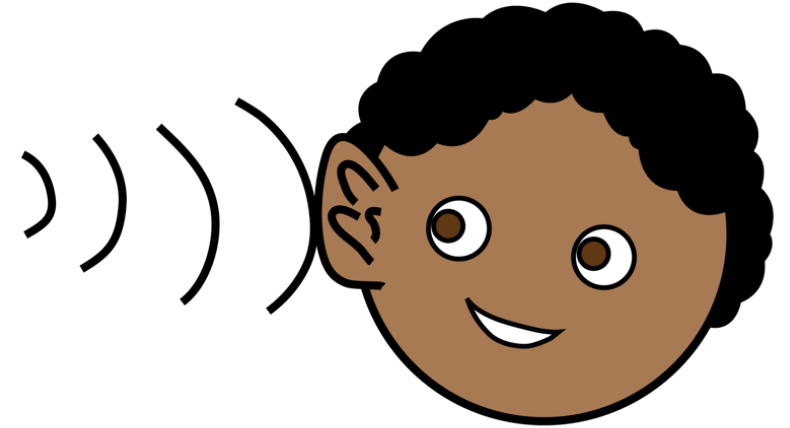
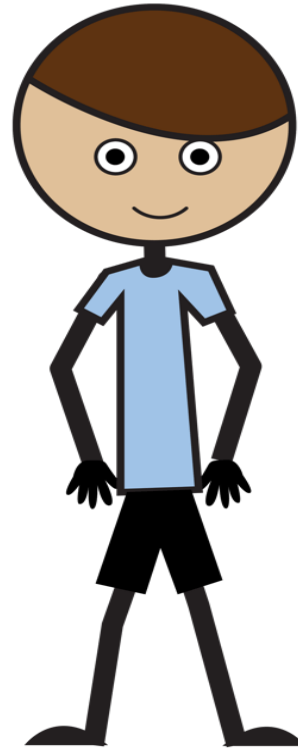




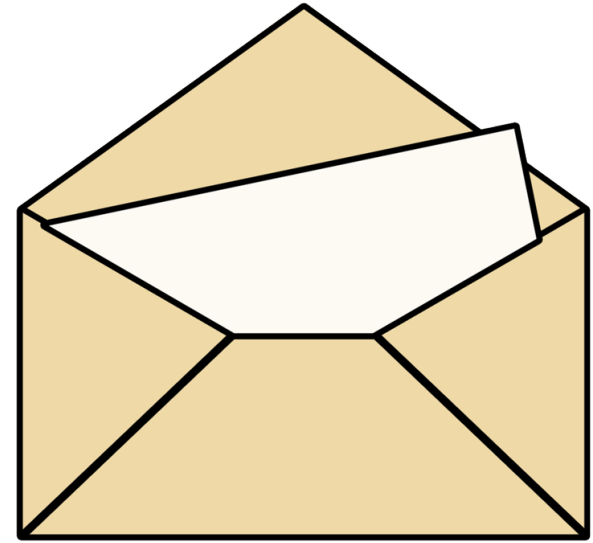
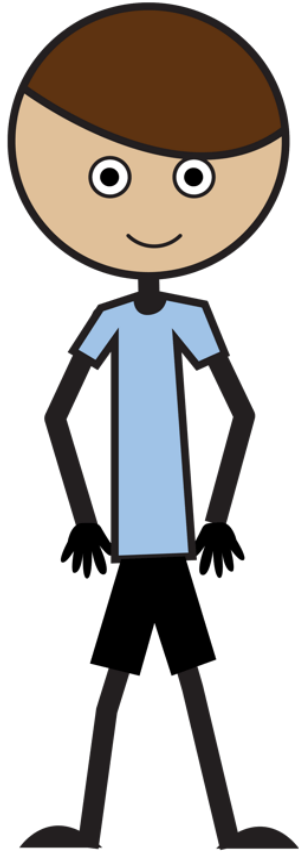
**Samuel went back to sleep,  
but he heard the voice calling a third time. "Samuel!"  
He got up and ran to Eli.**



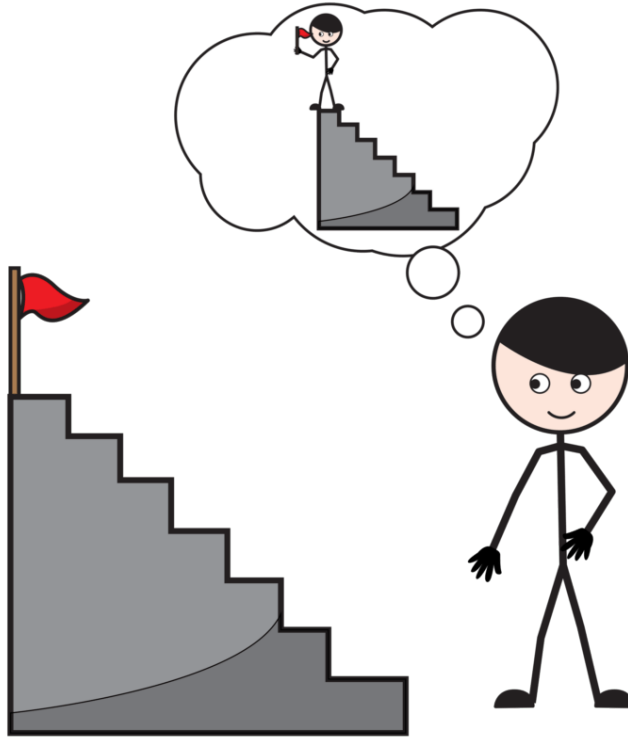
**This time Eli realized that it must be God that was calling to Samuel. Eli told Samuel to tell God he was listening.**



**God called to Samuel again,  
and Samuel told God he was listening.**



**Samuel grew up to be a prophet,  
a special messenger who told the people what God said.  
He listened and obeyed God all his life.**



**God has a purpose for our lives.**