

Art Extra - **God Calls Samuel**

Sleepyhead Pillowcase

Kids paint their own pillowcase to remind them that God calls people of all ages, even kids like them.

Supplies:

- White cotton pillowcases
- Pillowcase-sized pieces of cardboard
- Tape
- Fabric pens or fabric paints and brushes
- Newspaper
- T-shirts, optional (brought in by kids)

Set Up:

1. Collect one pillowcase per kid.
2. Wash and dry all pillowcases.
3. Cut a cardboard piece to fit inside each pillowcase. That will provide a flat surface to work on.
4. Read through the fabric pen or fabric paint directions so they are clear to you.
5. Practice on a piece of cloth so you can share helpful hints with the kids. Write up any special laundering instructions for the kids to take home with them.
6. Cover the entire workspace with newspaper.

Instructions:

In the Bible, we read a lot of stories about God calling people. God called Samuel when he was asleep. Even though Samuel was just a young boy, God had big plans for him. God has big plans for you, too! God calls people of all ages, even kids like you. We're going to make pillowcases so when we are asleep like Samuel, we remember that God is watching over us and calls us to do God's work.

1. Have kids write their name on the tag of the pillowcase.
2. Slide the cardboard pieces inside the pillowcases.
3. Demonstrate how to use the fabric pens or paints to make both thick and thin lines.
4. Talk about what kinds of words and symbols can represent that God calls them to help. They can include their names, a cross, a Jesus fish, a think bubble, or the phrase "Here I am!"
5. Explain any special laundering instructions to the kids, and give them a piece of paper with those instructions on it so they can make sure their artwork lasts.

Great job on your pillowcases! I know you will sleep well when you use them, and I know that God will continue to watch over you. Remember that God calls people of all ages, and that includes you!

If you have less time . . .

Have kids design a poster to hang over their beds as a reminder that God calls them.

If you have more time . . .

Have kids bring in larger white T-shirts they could wear to bed and let them design the T-shirts in the same way as they did the pillowcases.