

A Snoodle's Tale



What is the STORY about?

Welcome to Snoodleburg, home of the Snoodles...a curious folk who eat pancakes with noodles! In the tradition of the VeggieTales' classic, "Flibber-o-loo," Bob the Tomato tells the touching story of a lovable little character named Snoodle Doo who is created with a set of wings and a backpack containing paints, a paintbrush, and a kazoo. He tries painting and flying, but feels worthless when he fails at both. After being ridiculed by the older Snoodles and concluding that he's not really good at anything, Snoodle Doo decides to climb Mt. Ginches. When he reaches the top, he meets someone who gives him encouragement, confidence, and a purpose for living. Snoodle Doo's story is a reminder that God sees how special and beautiful each of us is—and that's just how we should see ourselves.

- *A Lesson in Self Worth*
- *Key Passage: 1 Samuel 1-3 (A Lesson-related Bible story)*
- *Running time: 13 minutes*
- *Bonus Show: "Dr. Jiggle and Mr. Sly" (13 min) "Flibber-o-loo" (9 min)*



What do you THINK?

- *What did the older Snoodles do to make Snoodle Doo feel badly? (They made fun of him and painted pictures of him that made him look foolish)*
- *Name two things that Snoodle Doo thinks he can't do. (He can't use his wings and he's no good at art)*
- *Where did Snoodle Doo meet his Creator? (At the top of Mt. Ginches)*
- *How did the Creator make Snoodle Doo feel good about himself? (He painted a picture of Snoodle Doo the way HE saw him)*
- *What did the Creator tell Snoodle Doo to do with his wings? (Soar)*



What does the BIBLE say?

1 Samuel 1-3 tells the story of Samuel—a boy filled with faithfulness and SELF WORTH who was used by God. Tell the story in this abbreviate version OR read portions from a Bible translation that is easy for children to understand.

Hannah wanted a son more than anything. She made a vow to the Lord that if He would give her a son, she would give him back to the Lord for all the days of his life. God answered Hannah's prayer. She gave birth to a boy and named him Samuel. When Samuel was old enough, Hannah kept her promise and took him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh to live with Eli, the priest. Eli was an old man, and Samuel was a great help to him. He was obedient and grew in favor with the Lord. The sons of Eli, however, were evil. They did not obey their father, and they did many wicked things to the people who brought sacrifices to the house of the Lord. One night when Samuel was sleeping, God called to him. He answered, "Here I am." He ran to Eli's room, but Eli said that he had not called Samuel. The Lord again called, "Samuel." And again Samuel went to Eli's room. When Samuel went to Eli's room the third time, Eli realized that THE LORD was calling the boy. He told Samuel to return to his room and wait for the Lord to speak again. Then God spoke to Samuel about Eli's wicked sons and told him that Eli's family would be judged because of their sins. Samuel told Eli everything. God revealed His plans through a young boy who was obedient. Because he was faithful, Samuel became a great prophet of the Lord.

The Story of Samuel



ACTIVITY

Talk about the portion of *A Snoodle's Tale* when the Creator painted a picture of Snoodle Doo the way HE saw him. The Creator gave Snoodle Doo encouragement, confidence, and a purpose for living. Equip each child with paper, water paints, and a brush. (Crayons or markers will work if paints are not available.) Instruct children to paint pictures of themselves the way they think GOD sees them.



What can we DO?

Read the Bible verse from Psalm 139:14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Discuss the meaning of the verse, and encourage each child to complete the following sentences OR fold papers into four sections for children to draw their answers.

- *I am special because...(May be a physical or character trait)*
- *The thing I like most about myself is...*
- *My favorite thing to do is...*
- *Someday I would like to use the gifts God gave me to...*

Challenge the children to think of something special about a **friend or family member** and pay them a compliment in the next week.

Help the children find these Bible verses to read aloud.

- **Psalm 139:13** "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."
- **Jeremiah 1:5a** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."
- **Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

3 Things to remember about Samuel

1. Samuel's mother, **HANNAH**, kept her promise to God
2. Samuel **LISTENED** for God's voice
3. He was **OBEDIENT** to the Lord's instructions

KEY VERSE

(Psalm 139:14) "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

KEY NUGGET

The special way that God sees us is the only thing that really matters.

