

*When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.*

Program A-2

## Hannah Prays To God

I Samuel 1:1-20

Samuel and Kings Series: Lesson #1

Bible Verse: God hears us when we pray. Psalm 34:17

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: The importance of prayer. God listens to us when we pray.

Prop ideas: Worship/offering items, picture of the Tabernacle

### SAMPLE STORY

Hannah was very sad. She had no children. Her husband, Elkanah, loved her very much. He was sad, too. She would cry because she had no sons. Every year they would travel to Shiloh to worship the LORD God. They would go to worship, bring offerings and sacrifice. They would eat a meal of the meat that was sacrificed. But Hannah was so sad that she would not eat. Elkanah would try to cheer her up and get her to eat something. After one meal, Hannah got up wept bitterly and prayed. She made a vow (promise) to God. "If you will look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and give me a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

Eli, the High Priest, was watching Hannah. She continued to pray. Her lips were moving, but her voice could not be heard. Eli thought something was wrong because he could not understand why her lips were moving, but no sound was coming out. She was praying in her heart. She told Eli why she was praying; she wanted a son. Eli told her that God would give her what she asked for. Hannah felt so much better. She even had something to eat.

Just as Eli the priest had said, Hannah did have a baby boy. *She named him Samuel, which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'heard of God,' saying "Because I asked the LORD for him." I Sam. 1:20*

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Color/Cut/Paste Hannah Prays Page

Giving an Offering

Blowing Bubbles

## CARING FOR BABIES

Materials: Baby dolls (In room)  
Blankets (In room)  
Baby care items (wash cloths, powder, bottles)

Do: Help the children care for the babies. Encourage taking turns. Show them how to rock and sing lullabies.

Talk about: Hannah was so happy to have a baby boy. She loved him and took good care of him. Ask if anyone has a baby at home. Let them share how they help.

## A MOTHER'S SACRIFICE STORY BOOKLET

Materials: A Mother's Sacrifice Story Sheets (2 pages)  
Bible Verse Stickers  
Scissors (In room)  
Stapler (In room)  
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child one set of story sheets. He can color before or after cutting apart.  
After cutting apart, assemble in order. (All pages but the title page have a number).  
Staple together.  
Add a Bible verse sticker.

Talk About: Read the booklet or tell in your own words; or, read the story from the Bible. Ask the children to retell the story in their own words as they follow the pictures.

## JUMPING GAME/CARPET SQUARES

Materials: Masking Tape  
Carpet squares (optional, if in room)

Do: Mark a path or circle by making X's with masking tape. Be sure that they are close enough for children to jump from one to another. They can hop or jump from X to X. They can go fast or slow. Let them add more X's if they want to make another path.

Optional: If you have carpet squares, let the children build their own path of stepping-stones.

Talk about: Samuel and Hannah had to travel to the Tabernacle each year to give their offering. Let's pretend we are traveling.

SING to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell"

Jumping from X to X,  
Jumping from X to X,  
I can jump high and I can jump low,  
Jumping from X to X.

Jumping from X to X,  
Jumping from X to X,  
I can jump fast and I can jump slow,  
Jumping from X to X.

Jumping from X to X,  
Jumping from X to X,  
I'm getting tired; it's time to stop  
Jumping from X to X.

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