

HANNAH'S PRAYER

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Hannah loved God. She wanted to have a baby, but she wasn't able to have any children.

Hannah and her husband went to the tabernacle. She prayed to God, "If you will give me a baby boy, I will see that he serves you all his life."

Eli was a priest. He saw Hannah praying. She explainsd, "I am crying out to the LORD because I want him to answer my prayer." Eli gently told her, "Go in peace – and may God give you what you ask for."

Sure enough, Hannah and her husband had a baby boy. They thanked God for their new son. They named him Samuel.

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PRESCHOOL

WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - - - - **Floor** - cars & trucks

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather on the carpet. Have preschoolers sit quietly in a circle and fold their hands. Lead preschoolers to pray and thank God. Whisper a short prayer: **Dear God, thank You for loving me.** Invite preschoolers to whisper it back. Try other short prayers: "Please help my family." "Thank You for my friends."

Prayer is talking to God. God always listens when we pray. We can pray when we're happy or sad. God cares about what's in our hearts. Even when we whisper, God hears us!

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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible starting on page 156; or play the video on the TV from the thumb drive.

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We can talk to God when we're happy or sad.

SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the November 2026 file.

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks.
Philippians 4:6

ACTIVITIES

TAKING CARE OF BABY

- Pull out the bin of dolls and their accessories. Encourage interested preschoolers to care for the babies and sharing what is important for babies to have.
- **In our story today, Hannah prayed to God and asked Him to allow her to have a baby. Do you remember how God answered her prayer? God allowed Hannah to have a baby boy. She named him Samuel. When he was old enough, Hannah kept her promise to God and allowed Samuel to study to become a servant for God at the temple.**
- **God may not always answer our prayers like we hope, but He will always hear our prayers and give was is best.**

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PRAYER BOX

- Allow interested preschoolers to create a prayer box. Hand out the precut items and crayons or markers, and stickers.
- Show preschoolers the completed sample and assist them with completing the box with crayons or markers. Tuck the slips of prayer prompts into the box. Write names on the bottom of the box.
- **We can talk to God about anything! When we pray, God hears our prayers. We can thank Him for the things we have or the people in our lives. We can ask God to help us or someone who needs help. We can also tell God we love Him. Even if we whisper, like Hannah did, He will hear us.**

Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.