

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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<p>Hannah</p>	<p>Last week we learned that Ruth was a Moabite. When her husband died, Ruth could have returned to her homeland. But, she was loyal to Naomi and followed her to Israel. God provided for Ruth and Naomi.</p>
<p>I Samuel 1-2</p>	<p>Read the Bible READ: I Samuel 1:9-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)</p>
<p>Memory Verse:</p> <p>Don't worry about anything. Instead, tell God about everything. Ask and pray. Give thanks to Him. (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)</p>	<p>Begin With Prayer Hannah and her husband, Elkanah, lived in Ramah. They were from the hill country of Ephraim. They loved God and went to His church. Hannah's husband loved her. But Hannah was very sad. She did not have any children. A lady named Peninnah laughed at Hannah because she didn't have any kids. [Teachers: It may not be appropriate to mention that Elkanah had two wives. Be sensitive.] Hannah was so sad. She cried and cried. Peninnah was very mean to her. (I Samuel 1:1-8)</p>
<p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand that Hannah worshipped God. 2. Learn that Hannah prayed for a son. 3. Understand that Eli mis-judged Hannah. 4. Recognize that God answered Hannah's prayer. 	<p>Has anyone been mean to you? What did you do? What do you think Hannah did? She went into the church and prayed. That is exactly what the Bible says we should do. "Don't worry about anything. Instead, tell God about everything. Ask and pray. Give thanks to Him. Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds because you belong to Christ Jesus. God's peace can never be completely understood." (Philippians 4:6-8 NIV)</p> <p>In fact Hannah prayed so hard that her lips were moving but no words were coming out. She promised God that if she had a child, he would be dedicated to God. She would let him stay with the Jewish priest and learn about God in the church. (I Samuel 1:9-11)</p> <p>The Jewish priest, named Eli, saw her and wondered what she was doing. He thought she might have been drinking. He went up to Hannah and asked her, "Are you drunk?" (I Samuel 1:12-14)</p> <p>Hannah shockingly looked at Eli. She told him that she was praying. Eli told her that God would surely answer her prayers because she was praying so honestly. (I Samuel 1:9-19)</p>

Hannah – Bible Facts

1. Hannah was the childless wife of Elkanah.
2. Hannah prayed for a son.
3. Eli asked Hannah if she was drunk.
4. God gave Hannah a son.

Eli was wrong to misjudge Hannah. But he said, “Go in peace. May the God of Israel give you what you have asked him for.” (I Samuel 1:17 NIV) The Bible says that after that Hannah was not sad anymore. (I Samuel 1:18)

Sure enough, Hannah did have a child. It was a boy! She named him Samuel which means “I asked the Lord for him.” It must have been tempting for her to want to keep her son. (I Samuel 1:20)

But she remembered her promise to God. She knew that she had to keep that promise. When Samuel was old enough to eat, Hannah took him to church. She let Eli take care of him and teach him about God. (I Samuel 1:15-28) Hannah thanked God for answering her prayer. (I Samuel 2:1-10) Each year Hannah visited Samuel and brought him a new coat. She loved Samuel and was so grateful to God that He answered her prayers. (I Samuel 2:19)

Review

1. **Who was Hannah?** (Hannah was the childless wife of Elkanah.)
2. **What did Hannah do?** (Hannah prayed for a son.)
3. **What did Eli ask?** (Eli asked Hannah if she was drunk.)
4. **What happened next?** (God gave Hannah a son.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God kept His promise to Hannah and she kept her promise to God. Did you know that God gave us a promise, too? He promised us that if we believe in Him, we will have life forever with Him. Do you believe in Jesus? Have you asked Him to come into your life? God promises us that He will NEVER leave us. He will stay with us forever and will help us live our life the best way.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for keeping His promise and sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you keep your promises to Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members need to keep their promises to God.

Application

Elkanah and his wife, Hannah, worshipped God. But because she was childless, Hannah prayed for a son. As she was praying, Eli, the priest, misjudged Hannah. He thought she was drunk. She explained her anguish. God was faithful and answered Hannah’s prayer. God wants us to go to Him with our anguish and with our prayer requests.

Planning for the next week:

God Calls Samuel – I Samuel 3

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: I Samuel 1:9-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Make a promise box. Create a box out of cardstock. See the Internet for ideas. Write scripture promises on strips of paper. Put the strips inside the box. Read the promises.

Hannah and her husband lived in Ramah. They loved God and went to His church. Hannah's husband loved her. But Hannah was very sad. She did not have any children. A lady laughed at Hannah because she didn't have any kids. Hannah was so sad. She cried and cried. This lady had been so mean to her.

What do you think Hannah did? She went into the church and prayed. In fact she prayed so hard that her lips were moving but no words were coming out. She promised God that if she had a child, he would be dedicated to God. She would let him stay with the Jewish priest and learn about God in the church.

The priest, named Eli, saw her and wondered what she was doing. She told him that she was praying. Eli told her that God would surely answer her prayers because she was praying so honestly.

Sure enough, Hannah did have a child. It was a boy! She named him Samuel which means "I asked the Lord for him." She rocked her baby every day. She was glad that God kept His promise. She remembered that she must keep her promise to God also.

When Samuel was old enough, Hannah took him to church. She let Eli take care of him and teach him about God. Each year Hannah visited Samuel and brought him a new coat. She loved Samuel and was so grateful to God that He answered her prayers.

Samuel was a special person. He loved God and helped others love Him, too. We are special to God. He loves us and wants us to tell others about Him.

Sing to the tune of "Mary had a little lamb."

Hannah was very sad, very sad, very sad

Hannah was very sad, she did not have a baby.

Hannah prayed to God above, God above, God above

Hannah prayed to God above to give her a baby.

God answered Hannah's prayer, Hannah's prayer, Hannah's prayer

God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her a baby.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for keeping His promise and sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you keep your promises to Him.

Memory verse for younger children

Tell God about everything. Ask and pray. Philippians 4:6-7

Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Put each word of the verse on a piece of paper. Turn all the pieces over so that the words do not show. Scramble up the papers. Take turns flipping the papers over until the verse is completely uncovered (as the correct words are uncovered, place them in a line so the kids can see the whole verse; if the wrong word is uncovered, turn it back over again.)

•**Test your memory** — Make cartoon bubbles with the words spoken by Hannah and Eli. Use key phrases. Allow the children to hold the bubbles. Use the bubbles to tell the story. Have the children retell the story.

•**Taste activity** — Bring a birthday cake. Talk about how God answered Hannah's prayer.

•**Think about it** — Talk about how Hannah was very sad. When she was sad she went to God. Talk about how God wants us to go to Him for all our needs.

Hannah would bring a new coat for Samuel every year. Talk about how being separated from family can be difficult.

•**Touch activity** — Create a prayer journal for the class. Write down prayer requests. Leave a date for the answer.

Make a promise box. Create a box out of cardstock. See the Internet for ideas. Write scripture promises on strips of paper. Put the strips inside the box.

Bring dolls to represent Elkanah, Hannah, Penninah, and Samuel. Use them to tell the story.

•**Run and play** — Play the encouraging game. Toss a bean bag, balloon, or soft object around the circle. The person who catches it must say something nice/encouraging to another person in the circle.

Play a relay race. Prepare questions about the story on strips of paper and the answers on separate strips of paper. Have one team run in one direction with the questions and read them. Have the other team run in the opposite direction with the answers and read them.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God keeps His promises.

•**Sing** — Sing "Standing on the Promises," "Have Faith in God" or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Play the encouraging game and say the memory verse. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Memory Verse

Don't worry about
anything. Instead,
tell God
about everything.
Ask and pray.
Give thanks to Him.

Philippians 4:6-7

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Hannah

prayed

to God

Word Search

H A N N A H P K H A M I A R H P E
P H D F S K S C A P K F V C J L S
S R R S R N R I M C V G S D C A P
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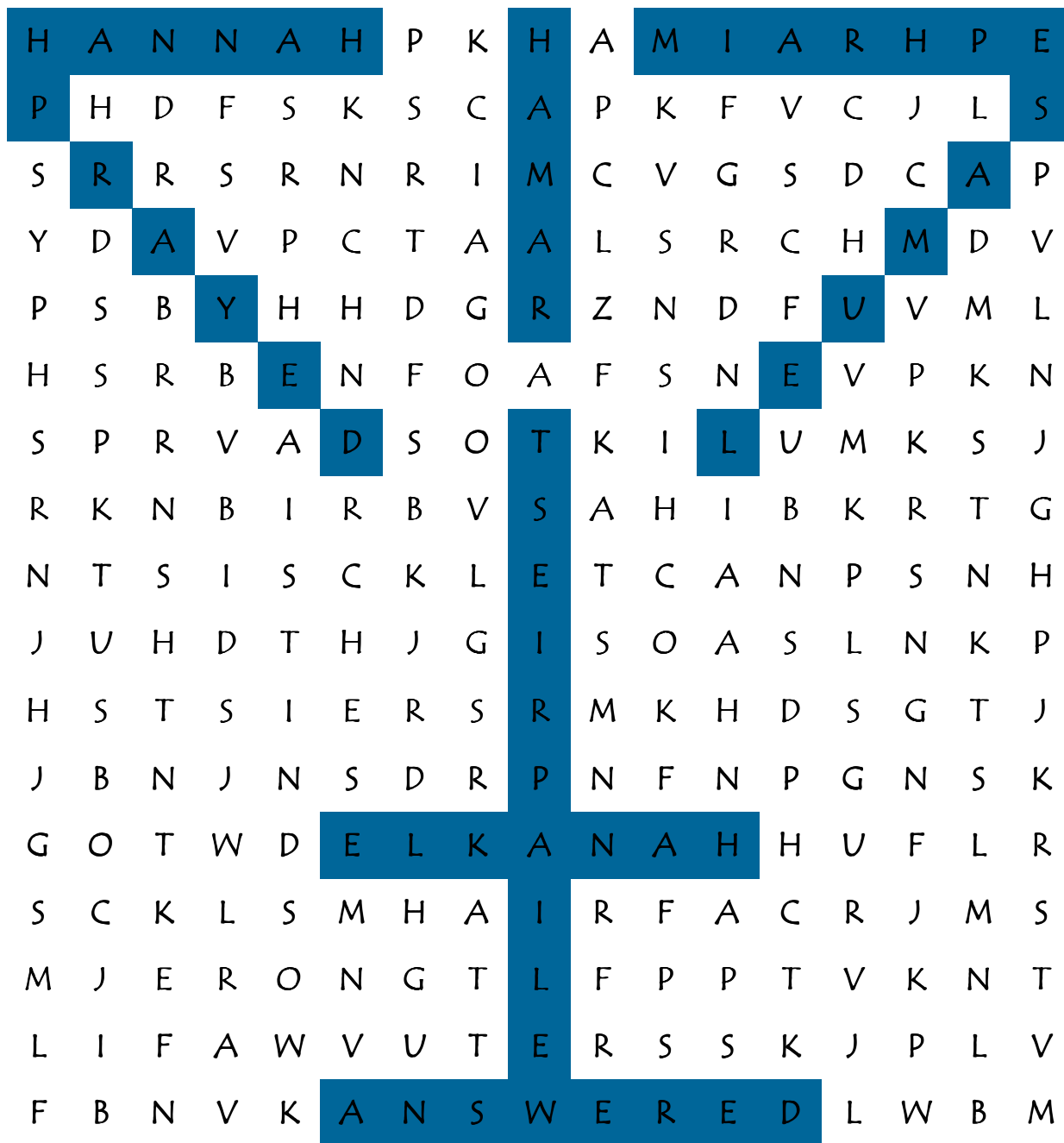
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Word Search



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Word Search

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PRIEST

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