

Lesson No. ( 10 )

## **The Baby Samuel**

( God hears our Prayers )

### **References**

1 Samuel 1:1-28, 3:1-15.

### **Notes for Servants**

- ★ Sometimes God does not give us all that we want from earthly things such as health, wealth or success, but His ears are always listening. He hears our prayers.
- ★ After prayer, Hannah had peace because she had poured out her soul and all her needs before the Lord. She didn't have anymore worries after praying.
- ★ Hannah had faith and never gave up hope that God would answer her prayers, and she had happiness when God gave her a boy.

### **Objectives**

**General:** God's love and His care for us.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand prayer is talking to God.
- B. Tell when Hannah prayed, God answered.
- C. Name one thing they could pray for.

### **Bible Verse**

**"My heart rejoiceth in the Lord"**

1 Sam 2:1

### **Teaching Aids**

Felt figures and flannel board.

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### **Introduction**

1. Review last week's lesson.
2. Ask the children what happens when a family is expecting a new baby?
3. How do they prepare for a new baby?

## Story Time

Once upon a time, there was a man, his name was El Kaneh and his wife Hannah. Hannah was alone, old, and had no sons or daughters. She used to go shopping alone (nobody helped her), and she was sad because she did not have any children. Hannah was very sad when she saw all her friends with their children, who helped around the house, and how they enjoyed their time with the children. She really wanted to tell someone bedtime stories.

Hannah prayed to God everyday for a child. One day, she went to the temple, she prayed and wept to the Lord to give her a child that would make her happy. She was praying from her heart, her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. She promised God that if she bore a child, she will offer him to serve God. Eli the priest saw her praying and he asked her why she was crying and she answered, "I have no child and I'm praying to God to give me one." Eli the priest prayed for her and told her to go in peace and next year God will give her a boy. Hannah told the priest that she promised God to give the child to serve Him. She thanked him and went home in peace, she was sure that God had heard her prayers and will answer them.

The following year, she gave birth to a baby boy, exactly as Eli the priest told her, and named him Samuel ... she was very happy. When Samuel was about 3 years old ... his mother took him to the temple and gave him to Eli the priest as she promised God. Samuel grew up in the Temple serving the Lord.

### Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

### Learning Activities

Colouring Page.