

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 3, Session 2

CONNECTION

POINT: God desires a relationship with us as we seek Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In today's story, we meet Hannah. She prayed desperately for a child. Her prayer was so intense that Eli, the priest, thought she was drunk. But God heard her, and not just the words—He heard her pain, her longing, and her heart. And He responded in His timing. Hannah's story reminds us that God is close and He listens. And even when we don't understand His timing, He's working for something greater than we can imagine.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1

Live It Out: Involve your preschooler in a family prayer time. Guide her to name people for whom she can pray. Lead her to voice a prayer for those people.

Hannah and her husband had no children. They went to the tabernacle once a year to worship God. Hannah prayed and cried as she asked God for a son. She promised that if He gave her a son, she would give him back to God.

The priest, Eli, saw Hannah praying and asked why she was crying. Hannah told Eli she was praying to God, and Eli responded, "May God give you what you prayed for."

Hannah and Elkanah worshiped God at the tabernacle, then they went home.

Later Hannah gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel. When Samuel was older, she took him to the tabernacle. She brought him to Eli and said, "Here is the son I prayed for. I am giving him to God."

Samuel stayed with Eli and worshiped God with him at the tabernacle.

KIDS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1

Live It Out: Review the Bible. Talk about things he prays about. Say that God always hears and answers our prayers; sometimes the answer is *yes*, sometimes *no*, and sometimes *wait*.

Hannah and her husband traveled from their home in the hill country to Shiloh to worship and offer sacrifices at the tabernacle. Hannah had no children.

Hannah prayed at the tabernacle asking God for a son. She promised to give the son back to God to serve Him for all his life.

Eli, the priest, saw Hannah's lips moving, but heard no sound. Eli asked her what was wrong. Hannah said she prayed to God for a son. Eli said, "May God grant your wish."

Hannah and her husband returned home. After some time Hannah had a son and named him Samuel. Hannah remembered her promise to God.

When Samuel was old enough, Hannah took Samuel to the tabernacle at Shiloh. Hannah kept her promise and left Samuel with Eli to serve God.

STUDENTS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-8,12-20,26-28

- How can you keep showing up in prayer and worship even when you feel disappointed or overlooked by God?
- What's something in your life right now that you need to give fully to God, even if He hasn't answered yet?
- What does it look like to focus more on dedicating answers to prayer to the Lord instead of using them for our own gain?

Live It Out: This week, consider with your family how can you help create an environment where people feel safe to be vulnerable and are met with compassion that allows prayer for one another. Discuss with your family how you can create this environment at home, and share how you could encourage this environment in your church as well.