



Unit 9 | Session 4

## GOD PROVIDED FOR HANNAH

### 1 Samuel 1-3

A man named Elkanah lived with his wife Hannah. Hannah really wanted children, but she didn't have any. Every year, Elkanah went to the tabernacle to worship. Hannah went with him. She prayed: "Lord, if You give me a son, I will dedicate him to You. He will serve You all of his life."

A priest named Eli saw her. Eli thought something was wrong with Hannah. "I've been pouring out my heart before the Lord," she explained. Eli replied, "Go in peace. May God answer your prayers."

Hannah and Elkanah returned home, and God answered her prayers. Hannah gave birth to a son. She named the baby Samuel. When Samuel was a little older, Hannah took him to Eli. Hannah pledged Samuel to serve God.

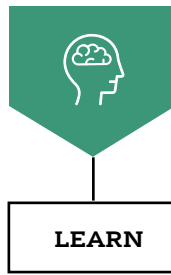
Every year, Hannah returned with a new robe for Samuel. One night, Samuel was lying in the tabernacle when Samuel heard someone call his name. Samuel ran to Eli. "Here I am; you called me." But it wasn't Eli. He told Samuel to go back to bed.

God called Samuel three times, and each time Samuel ran to Eli. Eli finally understood that God was calling to Samuel. He told

Samuel how to respond.

God called, "Samuel, Samuel!" This time, Samuel spoke up, "Speak, for Your servant is listening." God was going to judge Eli's family for their sin. Eli's sons served as priests in the tabernacle, but they were sinning against God. Samuel was afraid, but he shared God's message with Eli. God used Samuel to share His plan with the nation of Israel.

**Christ Connection:** Hannah trusted God and sent Samuel away from home to serve God with his whole life. God sent Jesus from heaven to earth to be our Savior. Just as Samuel used God's words to tell people about God, Jesus—the Word who became flesh—perfectly shows us what God is like.



## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Use the prompts to think about how you could pray. Then spend some time praying to God.

1. Who is God? What do you love about Him?
2. What sin in your life needs God's forgiveness?
3. What are you thankful for?
4. What do you need? Who do you know who needs God's help?

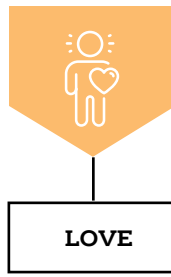
» What does this story teach us about God?

» How can we hear from God?

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## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

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» Does God really hear us when we pray?

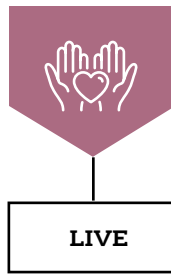
» How can we know what God is like?

» How does knowing what God is like affect your life?

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## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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» Find Romans 6:23 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for allowing us to know Him and asking Him to help you be faithful to share about who He is with others.

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### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

- ☐ 1 John 5:14
- ☐ 1 John 5:20
- ☐ Romans 5:8

- ☐ Philippians 4:6
- ☐ Deuteronomy 18:15
- ☐ John 15:7