



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 9 • Session 4

GOD PROVIDED FOR HANNAH

1 Samuel 1-3

WHAT IS THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN? THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH.

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.

God Provided for Hannah

1 Samuel 1-3

Family Discussion Starters:

- What do you think it means to “pour your heart out” to the Lord? Have you ever done that?
- How do you think Hannah felt when she dedicated Samuel to serve in the temple?

Family Activity:

Volunteer with your family to serve your church in some way, such as cleaning or organizing classrooms for the kids ministry. Discuss the ways Hannah and Samuel each had to trust God. Talk about the different ways we have to trust God, too.

Who is God? What do you love about Him?



What sin in your life needs God's forgiveness?



What are you thankful for?



What do you need? Who do you know who needs God's help?



Prayer Prompts | Use the prompts to make notes about what you could pray about. Then spend some time praying to God.

True or False?

Mark whether each statement is true or false.

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1. Hannah was sad because she did not get to go to the tabernacle.

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2. Hannah prayed to the Lord and said that if He would give her a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord to serve Him all his life.

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3. The priest who saw Hannah praying was named Samuel.

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4. When Hannah had a son, she forgot the prayer she prayed and did not dedicate him to the Lord.

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5. When Samuel was older, Hannah left him with Eli the priest to serve God.

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6. Every year Hannah returned to the tabernacle with a new hat for Samuel.

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7. God spoke to Samuel while he was in his bed.

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8. Eli told Samuel that if Samuel heard God calling he should just go back to sleep.

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9. God told Samuel that He would judge Eli's family for their sin.

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10. Eli's sons were priests, but they sinned against God.

