

Standing Tall, Falling Hard

Week 10



Big Idea: Keeping up with the Joneses is never a good idea, but it is particularly dangerous when the Joneses are a bad example.

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 2:8-9

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.

“For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’s; on them he has set the world.

⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

Table Talk

Hannah made a very big promise to God by telling him that she would give her first son to serve him. Do you think it was hard for Hannah to hand over her young son to Eli at the temple?

Have you ever made a promise so big that you didn’t want to keep it?

What did you do?

How did God reward Hannah? (She had three more sons and two daughters. Plus, she got to see Samuel grow up to mightily serve the Lord.)

Later in chapter 10, it says the people of Israel wanted a king, even though God was supposed to be their king. God let Samuel anoint Saul to be king. If you were king, what decisions would you make? Would you order dessert to be eaten before dinner? Would you outlaw tests at school?

Extra Mile

Spend time praying this week—at meals, when you get in the car, at bedtime and naptime, when you get up. Help your child start a habit—praying to God anytime about anything. Teach your child some simple prayers to sing or pray at bedtime or for meals.

With your child, make a simple poster about things to pray for by gluing pictures onto a piece of construction paper. In the middle, write, “God hears me when I pray.” When your child wants to pray, he can look at the poster and pick a few things to talk to God about.

Use these motions to help your child remember the Bible point.

God (Point up to God.)

Hears (Cup hands around ears.)

Me (Point to yourself.)

Pray. (Fold hands in prayer.)

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