

## Story Time - Read the story to the children

### Lesson 71: SAMUEL IS BORN

#### 1 SAMUEL 1:20-28

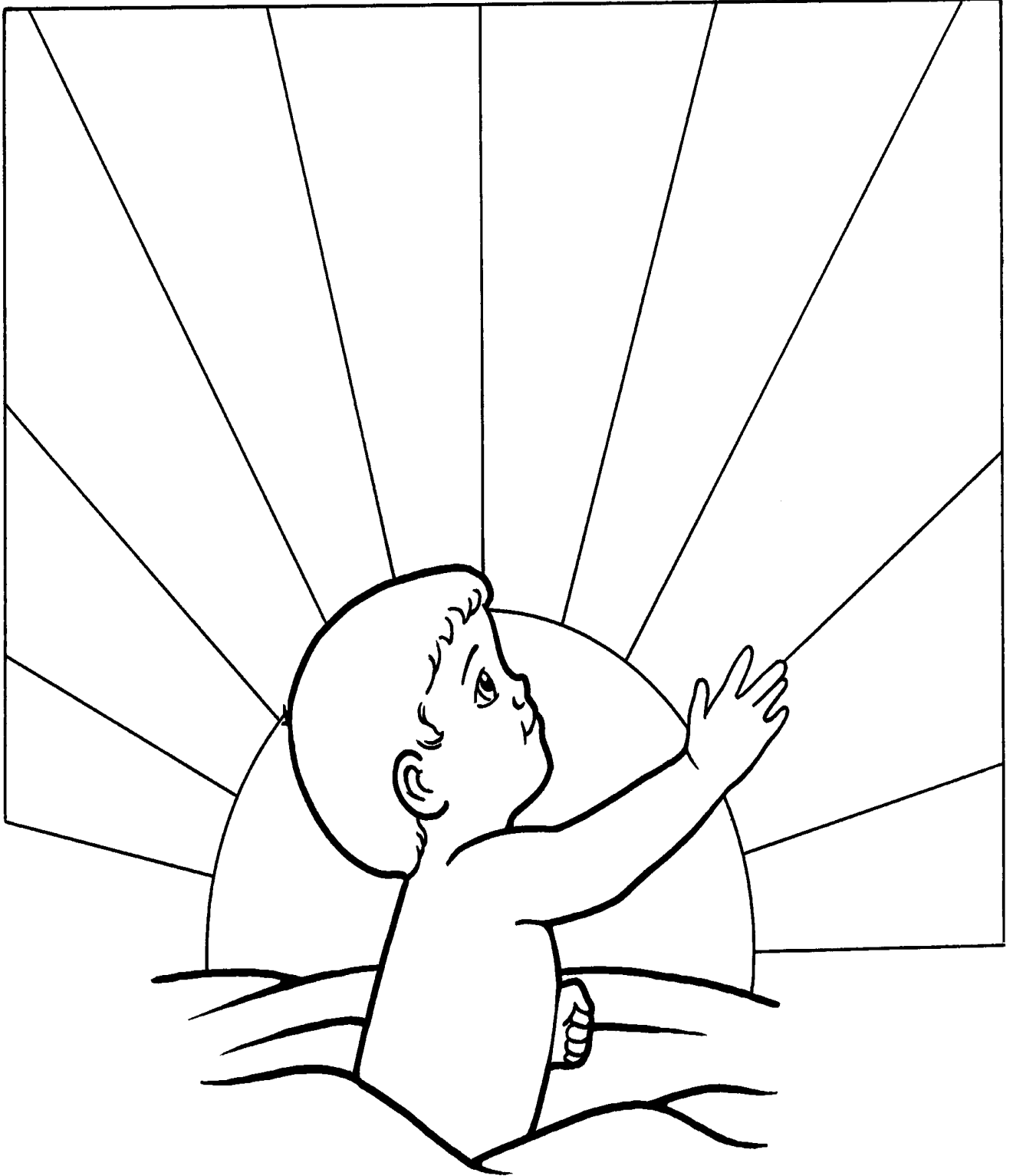
Elkanah and his family went back home to Ramah. Later the LORD blessed Elkanah and Hannah with a son. She named him Samuel because she had asked the LORD for him. The next time Elkanah and his family went to offer their yearly sacrifice, he took along a gift that he had promised to give to the LORD. But Hannah stayed home, because she had told Elkanah, "Samuel and I won't go until he's old enough for me to stop nursing him. Then I'll give him to the LORD, and he can stay there at Shiloh for the rest of his life."

"You know what's best," Elkanah said. "Stay here until it's time to stop nursing him. I'm sure the LORD will help you do what you have promised." Hannah did not go to Shiloh until she stopped nursing Samuel. When it was the time of year to go to Shiloh again, Hannah and Elkanah took Samuel to the LORD's house. They brought along a three-year-old bull, a twenty-pound sack of flour, and a clay jar full of wine. Hannah and Elkanah offered the bull as a sacrifice, then brought the little boy to Eli.

"Sir," Hannah said, "a few years ago I stood here beside you and asked the LORD to give me a child. Here he is! The LORD gave me just what I asked for. Now I am giving him to the LORD, and he will be the LORD's servant for as long as he lives."

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## **MEMORY VERSE:**

“My prayer was for this child; and the Lord has given him to me in answer to my request.” 1 SAMUEL 1:27

## **TRUE OR FALSE**

1. The LORD blessed Elkanah and Hannah with a son. TRUE or FALSE
2. She named their son Samson because the LORD had remembered her prayer to Him. TRUE or FALSE
3. When Elkanah tried to take Hannah and Samuel with them to Shiloh, Hannah said she and Samuel would not go with them. TRUE or FALSE
4. Hannah told Elkanah that she would come with Samuel after he was old enough for her to stop nursing him. TRUE or FALSE
5. Hannah changed her mind and went with Elkanah anyway to Shiloh. TRUE or FALSE
6. Hannah took Samuel when he was old enough to Shiloh and showed him to Eli the priest. TRUE or FALSE

## **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. Did the LORD bless Hannah and Elkanah with a son? What was his name?
2. When Elkanah wanted to go to Shiloh to the Temple, did Hannah and Samuel go with him at first?
3. Did Hannah and Samuel finally go to Shiloh to the Temple with Elkanah?
4. What did Hannah say to Eli when she and Elkanah brought Samuel to him? Did she tell him that this was the child she prayed for?

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ANSWERS

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### Questions and Answers

There are few things more discouraging to a child's faith in God than to think that everyone else gets everything they pray for when they don't. To show that God's answer is always wise and fits our needs, play this silly "Q and A" game. Write various questions (make more than this) and then write the answers on separate slips of paper such as:

Questions:

- 1). What animal says "moo?"
- 2). What color is the grass?
- 3). What fruit is red?
- 4). What color are bananas?
- 5). How many ears do you have?
- 6). How many cats are in your Sunday school room?
- 7). Do you have an alligator in your home?
- 8). What is the answer to  $2 + 1$ ?
- 9). What book do Christians always read?
- 10). What is the next line in this song: "Jesus Loves Me.....\_\_\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_"

Answers:

- 1). Cow
- 2). Green
- 3). Apple or Pear
- 4). Yellow
- 5). Two

- 6). None
- 7). No
- 8). Three
- 9). The Bible
- 10). “....This I know.”

Put all questions and answers on separate pieces of paper; put questions in one jar or paper cup and answers in another jar or paper cup. Let one child pick and read a question and another child pick an answer (younger children, have a child pick the question and you read it, same with the answer). The answers in this game will not always fit the questions; in contrast, God's answers always fit exactly. In today's lesson, we saw how God answered the prayer of a godly woman named Hannah.

## PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to keep all of their promises. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.