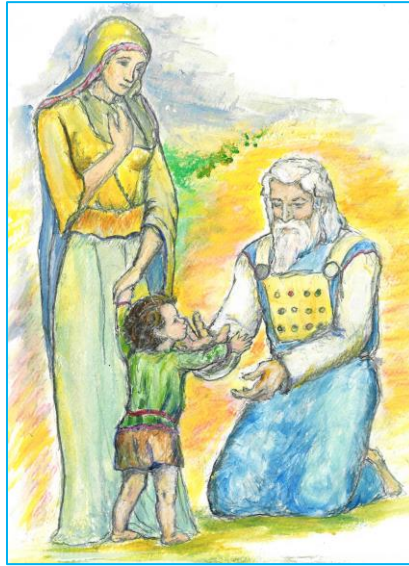


FAMILY WORSHIP  
**The Birth of Samuel**



**Read** the story in 1 Samuel 1:1-28. You may want to read key parts of the story aloud and summarize other parts.

Hannah is sad because she has no children.	1 Samuel 1:1-8
Hannah asks the Lord to give her a son.	1 Samuel 1:9-11
Eli the priest asks that God grant her petition.	1 Samuel 1:17-18
Hannah has a child she names Samuel.	1 Samuel 1:19-20
Hannah cares for Samuel until he is older.	1 Samuel 1:21-23
Hannah takes Samuel to Eli to serve the Lord.	1 Samuel 1:24-28
Hannah makes a robe for Samuel each year.	1 Samuel 2:19
The Lord gave Hannah three more sons and two daughters.	1 Samuel 2:21
Samuel “grew in stature, and in favor with the Lord and men.”	1 Samuel 2:26

For a more detailed overview, see [The Story of the Birth of Samuel Retold](#). [resource ID]

**Discussion Ideas**

1. Why was Hannah sad? (She had no children.)
2. What did Elkanah do because of his love for her? (He tried to comfort her, and he gave her a double portion when they visited the tabernacle and gave offerings to God.)
3. Who made things worse for Hannah? (Elkanah had another wife who had children, and she made Hannah miserable.)

4. What did Hannah promise to do if the Lord blessed her with a son? (Give him to the Lord all the days of his life.)
5. How did Hannah honor her promise to give Samuel to the Lord? (When he was old enough to care for himself, she took him to the tabernacle to serve the Lord with Eli, the priest.)
6. Samuel became the last of the judges the Lord called to help the children of Israel. The Lord told him to anoint Kings Saul and David.

### **Further Ideas**

1. Sometimes children come into a family through adoption, the Lord leading a child in need of parents and parents who want a child to become a family.
2. Can you think of other stories in which sons are born to women who longed for a child? (Isaac is born to Abram and Sarai; Jacob and Esau are born to Isaac and Rebekah; Joseph and Benjamin are born to Jacob and Rachel; Samson is born to Manoah and his wife; John the Baptist is born to Zacharias and Elizabeth.)
3. Hannah gives Samuel to the Lord by taking him to serve in the tabernacle. How can we “give our children to the Lord”?

### **Related Activities**

Show your children photographs of you holding them when they were tiny babies. Tell them how you felt when you held them in your arms.