

**Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program**  
**Preschool Lessons, Phase 2 – Lesson 17**  
**Samuel (I Samuel 1:1-11)**

**Theme:** Heroes

**I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher**

- A. The Lord's Divine Providence governs all things.
- B. Children are a gift from the Lord.
- C. Conjugal love is conjoined with the love of infants.
- D. The Lord gives parents a special love of their children called storge.

**II. Story Circle**

**A. Introduce the Story**

- 1. Each one of you has a family. Who is in your family? (Daddy, Mommy, sisters and brothers, perhaps). A family is a mommy, a daddy, and all of their children.
- 2. A family starts with a man and a woman getting married. They get married because they love each other and they want to stay together forever. (Last time we talked about Isaac and Rebekah getting married.)
- 3. When a man and a woman are married, they want to have children. The Lord gives them children. Then they are a family: a daddy, a mommy, and their children.
- 4. Today we will learn about a woman named Hannah, her husband, Elkanah, and the little boy the Lord gave to them.

**B. Tell/Read the Story**

- 1. See the attached retelling of I Samuel 1:1-11.

**C. Ideas to Discuss**

- 1. Why was Hannah sad? (Because she didn't have any children)
- 2. What was the tabernacle? (It was the place where Hannah and Elkanah went to worship the Lord. It was like a church.)
- 3. Hannah and Elkanah went to the tabernacle once each year because they lived far away from it.)
- 4. What did Hannah pray for in the tabernacle? (She asked the Lord for a son.)
- 5. Did the Lord answer Hannah's prayer? (Yes)
- 6. What did Hannah name the baby boy? (Samuel)
- 7. Hannah took care of Samuel until he was old enough to help Eli in the tabernacle. Samuel was probably six or seven years old when he went to help Eli with worship and with taking care of the tabernacle.

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8. Did Hannah ever see Samuel again? (Yes. She visited him each year when she and Elkanah came to worship at the tabernacle.)
9. Did Hannah have any more children? (Yes. The Lord gave Hannah and Elkanah five more children.)

### D. Further Ideas

1. Hannah and Elkanah must have been very happy when Samuel was born. Hannah took good care of him. And even after Samuel went to live with Eli, Hannah loved him and took a new robe to him every year.
2. Your parents take good care of you. They feed you, play with you, and give you toys and clothes. They try to help you do good things, not bad. Your parents take good care of you because they love you.
3. Who gave Samuel to Hannah and her husband? The Lord did. And the Lord gave you to your parents. Children are a wonderful gift from the Lord to parents.

## III. Enrichment Activities

### A. Music

1. "Love thy father," *Hymnal* #167 (the Lord gives children to parents).
2. Happy hearts," *Hymnal* #138 (Hannah was happy when Samuel was born, and little Samuel was happy to serve the Lord).
3. "All that the Lord has spoken," *Hymnal* #245 (we serve the Lord like Samuel did when we try to do the Lord's will).
4. "Pass a Heart" (see attached song).

### B. Activities

1. Discuss happy times the children have with their families: vacations, family worship, birthday celebrations, etc.

### C. Project

1. A picture of the Lord, Hannah, and Samuel. Samuel can slide from the Lord to Hannah. This project pictures the concept that children are from the Lord. (See attached instruction sheet.)
2. Make a Samuel doll from a sock. (See attached sheet for instructions.)

## IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Illustrations of Hannah taking Samuel to Eli.

## V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's *Bible Study Notes*, Vol. 3, "The Birth of Samuel," pp. 1-14.

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*A Retelling of I Samuel 1, 2*

The Birth of Samuel

There was a woman named Hannah who was sad because she didn't have any children. Hannah and her husband, Elkanah, went to the tabernacle (like a church) to worship the Lord.

Hannah prayed to the Lord. She asked him to give her a son. She said, "O Lord, if You will give me a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life."

Now Eli, the priest of the Lord, answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of him."

Hannah went away, and her face was no longer sad.

And after a while, Hannah had a baby boy, and she called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."

Hannah took care of her son until he was weaned. Then she took the child to Eli, the priest. And she said, "For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition. Therefore, I have lent this child to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord."

So Samuel stayed with Eli, the old priest, and he helped him do the Lord's work.

Every year Hannah made a little robe for Samuel, and she brought it to him when she came with her husband to worship the Lord at the tabernacle.

And the Lord gave Hannah more children: three sons and two daughters.

And the child Samuel grew before the Lord.

## **Pass a Heart**

(To the tune of "A Tisket, A Tasket")

A sister, a brother,  
We love one another.  
I give my heart to a friend  
Who shares it with another.

Another, another,  
Share it with another.  
Give a heart to a friend  
And share it with another.

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### Hannah and Samuel Project:

#### HANNAH RECEIVES SAMUEL FROM THE LORD

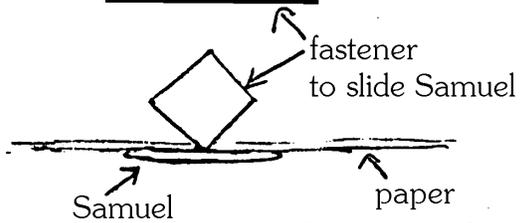
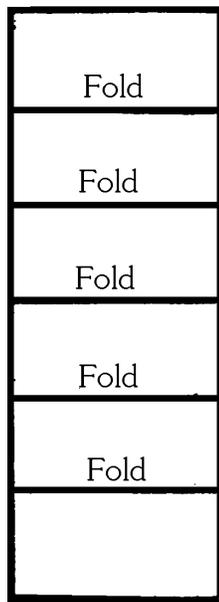
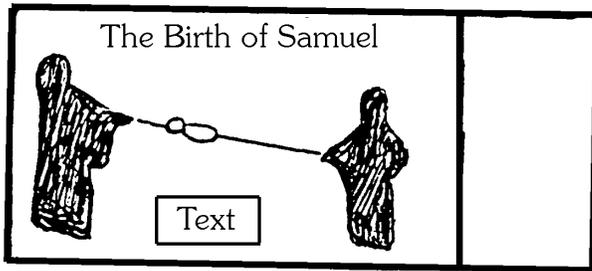
##### Materials Needed for Each Child

1. A piece of 12" X 18" paper (we used purple) with a 6" slit in it.
2. Precut figure of the Lord. (We used yellow paper.)
3. Precut figure of Hannah. (We used blue paper.)
4. Precut figure of baby Samuel.
5. Text slip saying: Hannah had a baby boy, and she called him Samuel saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

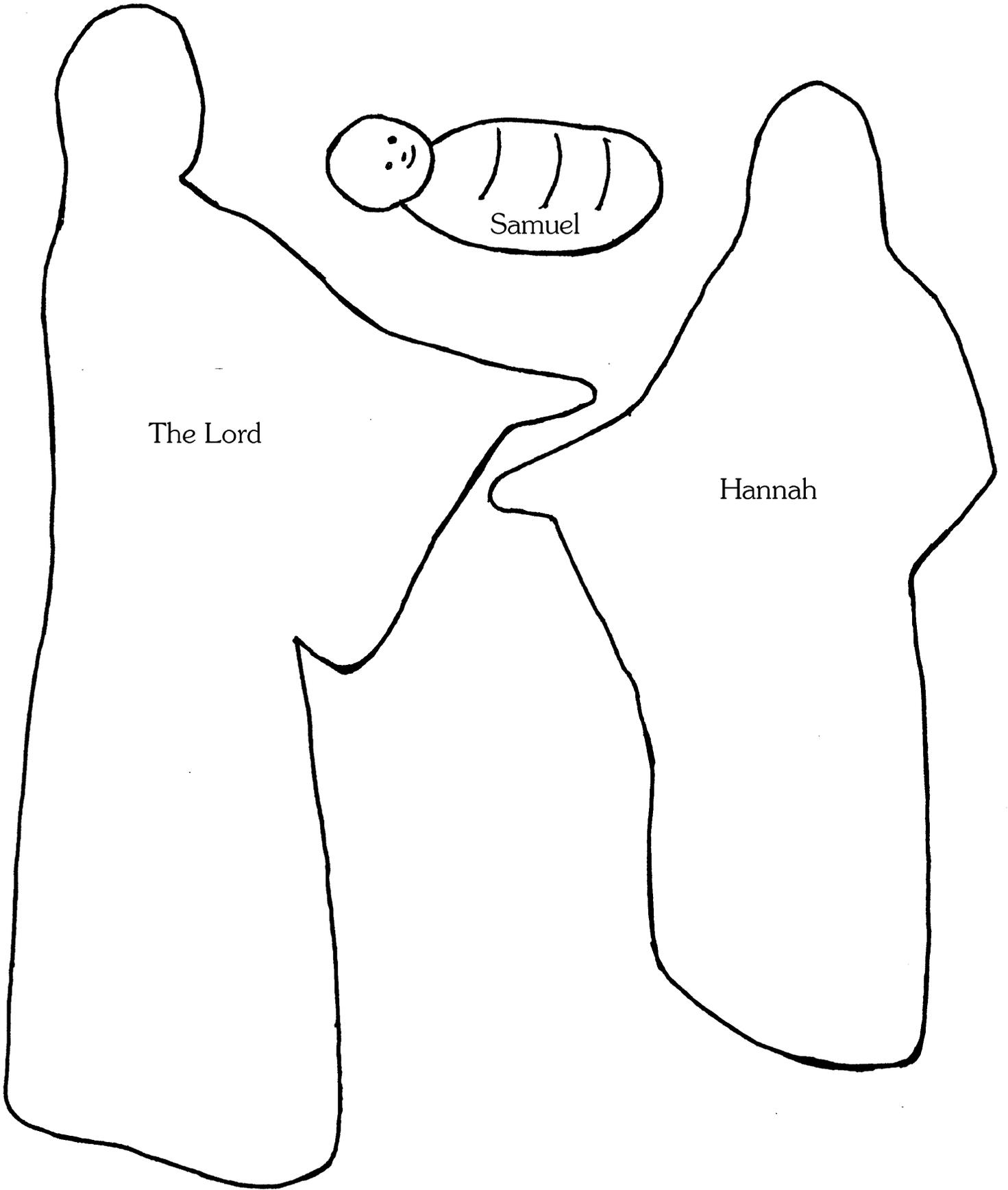
##### Procedure

1. Put faces on the Lord, on Hannah, and on Samuel.
2. Glue the Lord figure onto the paper near the left end of the slit.
3. Glue the Hannah figure to the right end of the slit.
4. Attach baby Samuel with a paper fastener through the slit to a 2" X 2" piece of cardboard so that Samuel is in front of the page, and the cardboard is behind the page. Using the cardboard as a handle, children should be able to slide Samuel from the Lord to Hannah.
5. Glue text slip to picture.

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(or use paper fastener and 2" square paper)



The Lord

Hannah

Samuel

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