

Hannah's Prayer

1 Samuel 1; 2:18-19

Hannah Is Sad

Hannah and her husband, Elkanah, loved each other very much. They also loved God very much. They were happy, except for one thing—they had no children. That made Hannah feel very sad.

Hannah and Elkanah went to a special place to worship God. The special place was called the Tabernacle. At the Tabernacle, Hannah prayed to God. "Dear God," she prayed, "please give me a baby boy. When he is old enough, I will bring him to the Tabernacle to be Your helper."

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A man named Eli lived at the Tabernacle. He prayed to God and taught others about God. Eli saw Hannah praying. "I pray God gives you what you ask," Eli told Hannah. Hannah was no longer sad. Now she smiled! Then Hannah and Elkanah went home again.

After many, many days, a baby boy was born to Hannah. This was the baby boy she had prayed for. Hannah named the baby Samuel.

Samuel Grows

Every day Samuel grew taller and stronger. Hannah took good care of little Samuel. She cooked good food for him to eat. She made clothes for him to wear. And best of all, Hannah taught little Samuel about God.

Hannah remembered her promise to God. "When the boy is old enough, I will take him to the Tabernacle." Hannah told Elkanah.

Finally, the day came when Samuel was big enough. He was ready now to go to the Tabernacle. Hannah, Elkanah and Samuel went to the Tabernacle. Samuel stayed there with Eli to learn to be God's helper, just as his mother Hannah had promised.

Samuel's Coat

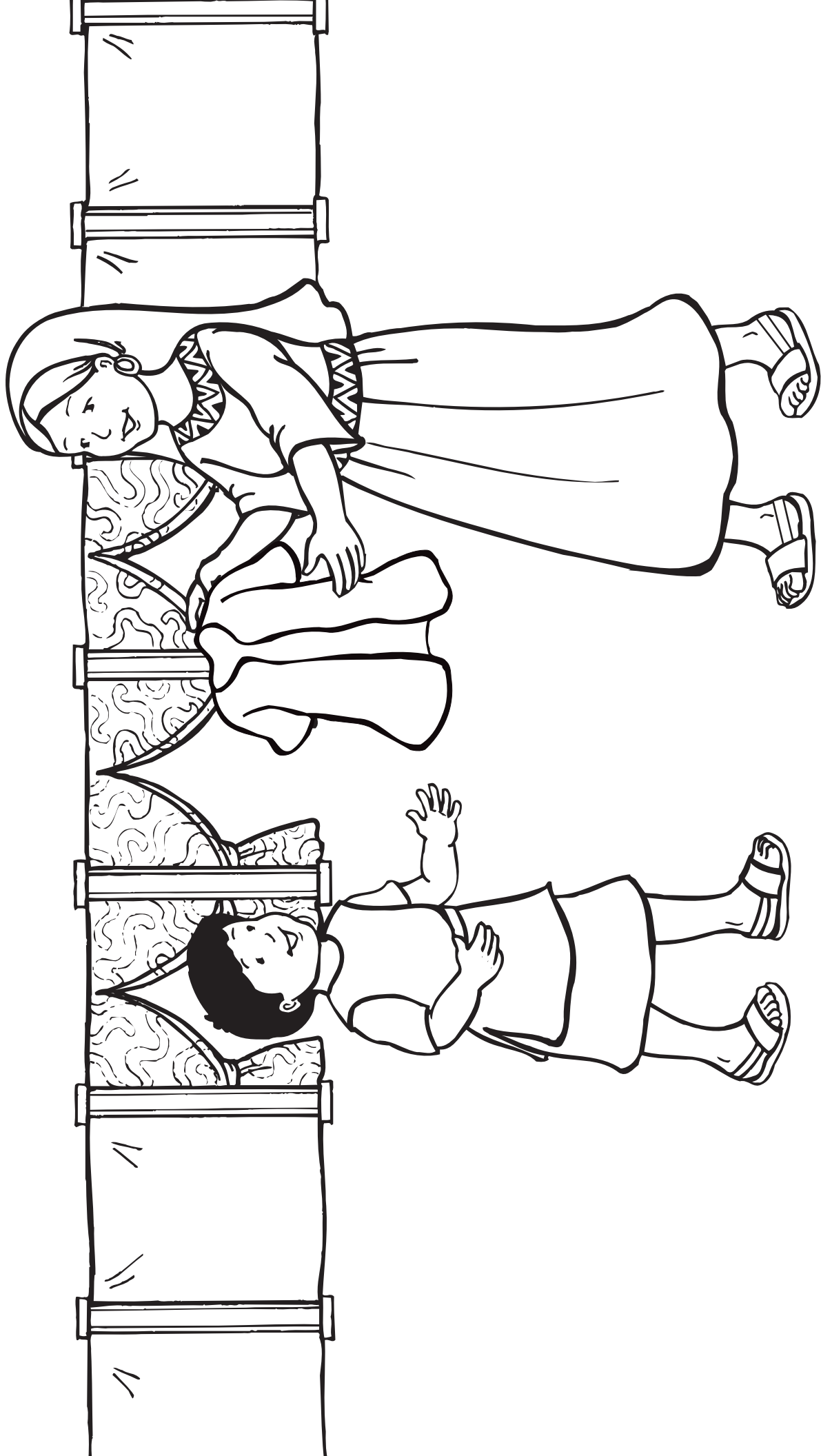
Every year Samuel's mother made a special new coat for him. And every year she had to make a bigger coat! Do you know why? Because Samuel GREW, just like you do. And as he grew a little taller and a little stronger, Samuel also grew to love God more!

Conclusion

Hannah loved God. That's why she prayed to Him. We can talk to God to show our love for Him, too. Every day we can pray to God. We can tell Him that we love Him.

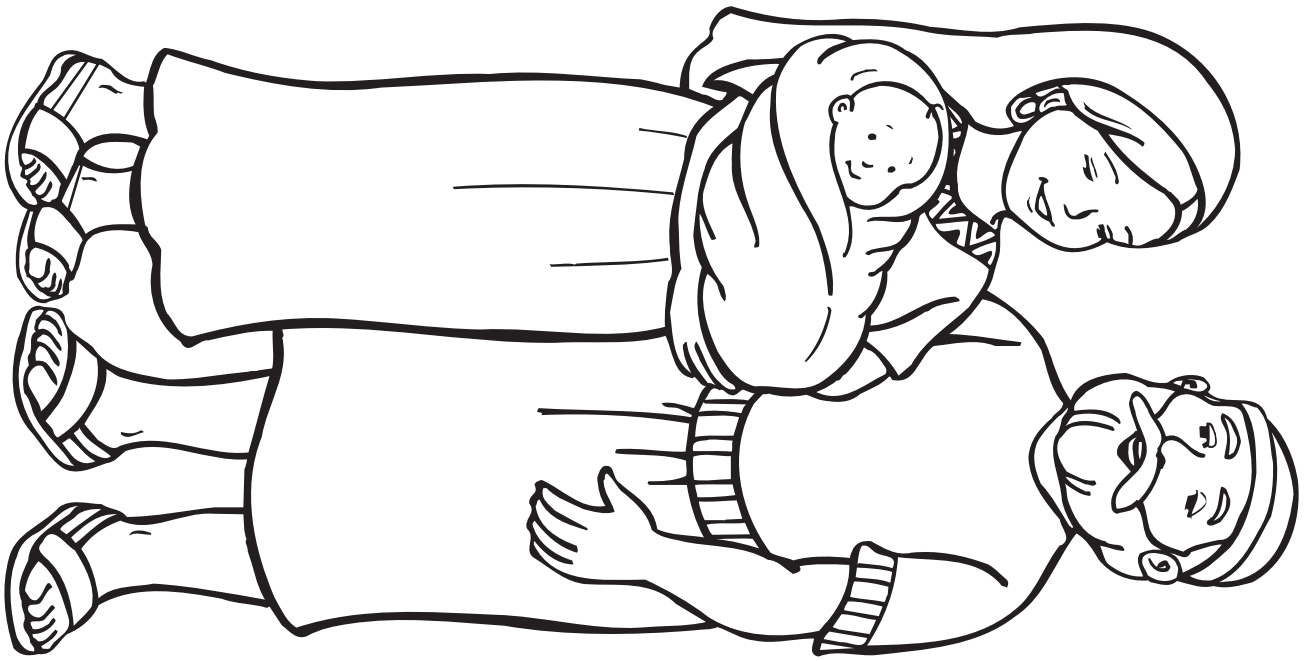
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“I love the Lord.” Psalm 116:1



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Scene 2

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Scene 1

- What did Hannah do at the Tabernacle?
- When can you talk to God?