

# Old Testament

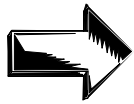
## Hannah has a son 1 Samuel 1:1-27

Younger Verse

Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16

Older Verse

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16



Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Ask the kids what they do when someone is laughing at them and making fun of them? Explain that today’s lesson shows us Hannah. Quietly whisper and tell the group to listen and see what Hannah does when people laughed at her.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Hannah and her husband lived in Ramah. They loved God and went to His church. Hannah’s husband loved her. But Hannah was very sad. She did not have any children. A lady named Peninnah laughed at Hannah because she didn’t have any kids. Hannah was so sad. She cried and cried. This lady had been so mean to her.

What do you think Hannah did? She went into the church and prayed. In fact she prayed so hard that her lips were moving but no words were coming out. She promised God that if she had a child, he would be dedicated to God. She would let him stay with the preacher and learn about God in the church.

The preacher, named Eli, saw her and wondered what she was doing. He thought she might have been drinking. He went up to Hannah and asked her, “Are you drunk?”

Hannah shockingly looked at Eli. She told him that she was praying. Eli told her that God would surely answer her prayers because she was praying so honestly.

Sure enough, Hannah did have a child. It was a boy! She named him Samuel which means “I asked the Lord for him.” It must have been tempting for her to want to keep her son. But she remembered her promise to God. She knew that she had to keep that promise.

Lesson Goals

**Learn what Hannah did when she was upset (prayed)**  
**Tell what it means to keep a promise**  
**Practice loving everyone and judging no one**

When Samuel was old enough to eat, Hannah took him to church. She let Eli take care of him and teach him about God. Each year Hannah visited Samuel and brought him a new coat. She loved Samuel and was so grateful to God that He answered her prayers.

God kept His promise to Hannah and she kept her promise to God. Did you know that God gave us a promise too? He promised us that if we believe in Him, we will have life forever in Heaven one day. Do you believe in Jesus? Have you asked Him to come into your life? God promises us that He will NEVER leave us. He will stay with us forever and will help us live our life the best way.

**Learning Activities**

Today is a great day to teach lots of lessons: praying; helping others instead of laughing at them; keeping your promises; and trusting Jesus. Be sensitive to each child's needs—make sure they ALL learn something.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Put each word of the verse on a piece of paper. Turn all the pieces over so that the words do not show. Scramble up the papers. Take turns flipping the papers over until the verse is completely uncovered (as the correct words are uncovered, place them in a line so the kids can see the whole verse; if the wrong word is uncovered, turn it back over again.)

**Prayer Time**

Be sure you pray today! Ask the kids why they think God answered Hannah's prayer. Ask them why He answers our prayers. Form a circle and pray.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Clean up the room. Let all the children help. Praise your helpers and let them get snacks first. Be sure to clean up any messy spills or sticky, gooey spots.

Planning for August 1st  
God calls Samuel  
1 Samuel 3:1-21

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
Hannah

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Sure enough, Hannah did have a child. It was a boy! She named him Samuel which means "I asked the Lord for him." She rocked her baby every day. She was glad that God kept His promise. She remembered that she must keep her promise to God also.

When Samuel was old enough, Hannah took him to church. She let Eli take care of him and teach him about God. Each year Hannah visited Samuel and brought him a new coat. She loved Samuel and was so grateful to God that He answered her prayers.

Samuel was a special person. He loved God and helped others love Him too.

We are special to God. He loves us and wants us to tell others about Him.

Sing to the tune of "Mary had a little lamb."

Hannah was very sad, very sad, very sad  
Hannah was very sad, she did not have a baby.

Hannah prayed to God above, God above, God above  
Hannah prayed to God above to give her a baby.

God answered Hannah's prayer, Hannah's prayer, Hannah's prayer  
God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her a baby.

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
Hannah

Make a Hannah puppet and attach baby Samuel.

Act out the story. It can be a fun way to help the kids remember it.

Play the encouraging game. Toss a bean bag, balloon, or soft object around the circle. The person who catches it must say something nice/encouraging to another person in the circle. Talk about how Hannah didn't say mean things back to the person who laughed at her. Instead, she prayed to God.

Make up several case studies or let the kids help with actual examples from their lives:

A person in school who is ignored or laughed at

A person who feels left out because he/she doesn't have what others have

A person who has to keep a promise

A person who REALLY wants something

Bring sandpaper and a piece of wood. Sand the wood and show how the sandpaper helps make the wood smoother. Share that with God's help, the hard times in our lives can be smoothed away if we ask God for help (like Hannah did.)

Make the "Baby's Bread" food activity.

Take time to pray with your kids. Help them see how God listens and answers our prayers.

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