

**Benjas (0-5 years). Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lesson:** Samuel, the baby

**Reference:** 1 Samuel 1:1-28

**Point:** God answers prayers at just the right time as part of his good plan



Once upon a time God's people had no king and people did what they wanted. During that time, a woman called Hannah wanted to have children for a long time and even prayed but she had none. One day she prayed in the temple and asked God for a son. She promised God that if He gave her a son, she would give him back to God.

God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her a son, **Samuel**. Hannah kept her promise and took the child to serve in the temple, with a priest called Eli. God answered Hannah's prayer at just the right time, as part of his good plan. When we pray, God answers our prayers at just the right time, as part of his good plan.



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**Judges (6-7 years). Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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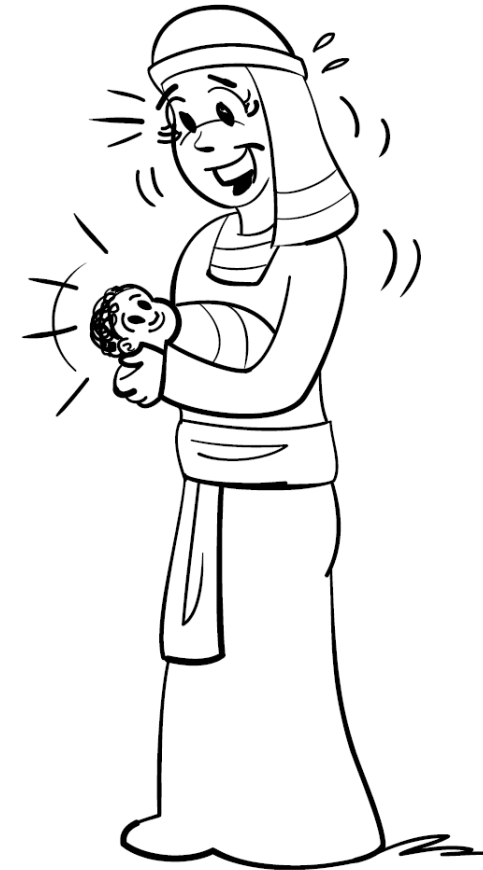
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In his good time, God gave Hannah a son, **Samuel**; a child she dedicated to God. She took him to the temple to serve with the priest, **Eli**. This Samuel was the last judge

God raised to turn his people to him, and lead Israel as they changed to king leadership. Samuel was part of God's plan to lead God's people through a very difficult time in their history.

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Like Hannah, God's people pray, asking God to act in many ways in our world. God answers these prayers according to his perfect plan and time. God always answers prayer. It may not always be what or when we want, but it is always answered. God either says, 'yes', 'no', or 'wait' when we pray. We can keep on praying, trusting God to answer in his perfect time and according to his good plan.



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What reasons might God have for not giving us what we want when we ask for it?

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What should we do when our prayers don't seem to be answered?

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