

# Loving Hearts & Working Hands



## Parents' Page

### Lesson 1

## God Makes Samuel a Leader

### Your child should understand...

Obedience — Deciding to obey God early in life

### Your child should be able to...

1. Identify Hannah as Samuel's mother.
2. Tell what Hannah promised to do if God gave her a baby.
3. Identify Eli as the priest who taught Samuel.
4. Identify who called Samuel in the middle of the night.
5. Tell what God wanted Samuel to be for Him.
6. Tell why God was displeased with Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas.

### Your child should be memorizing...

1 Samuel 12:24

"But be sure to have respect for the Lord. Serve Him faithfully. Do it with all your heart. Think about the great things He has done for you."

### Please read to your child...

- 1 1 Samuel 1:2, 10-11, 17
- 2 1 Samuel 1:20, 25-27; 1 Samuel 2:11
- 3 1 Samuel 2:12, 17-19, 26
- 4 1 Samuel 2:27, 34-35
- 5 1 Samuel 3:2-11, 13, 20

## God Makes Samuel a Leader

The Bible tells us about a woman named Hannah and her husband Elkanah. Hannah was very sad because she had no children. She went with Elkanah every year to God's house, the tabernacle, to worship God. One year when they went, Hannah cried and prayed to God. She asked God to give her a baby son. She promised to give the boy to be a helper to God all the days of his life.

The priest in the tabernacle was named Eli. He saw Hannah praying. Hannah told Eli what she was crying and praying for. Eli said, "May the God of Israel give you what you have asked Him for."



Hannah went home. The Lord remembered her prayer. When her baby son was born, she said God had given her what she asked for. So she named him Samuel.

**Circle one name. Samuel's mother was...**

**Holly**

**Heather**

**Hannah**

**What did Samuel's mother promise to do if God would give her a baby?**

When Samuel was old enough, Hannah took

him to live with the priest Eli. Samuel helped Eli do his work in the tabernacle. Every year, Hannah brought Samuel a new coat to wear. The Bible says, "The boy Samuel ... became more and more pleasing to the Lord and to people."

**Circle one name. Samuel worked with the priest...**

**Elmer.**

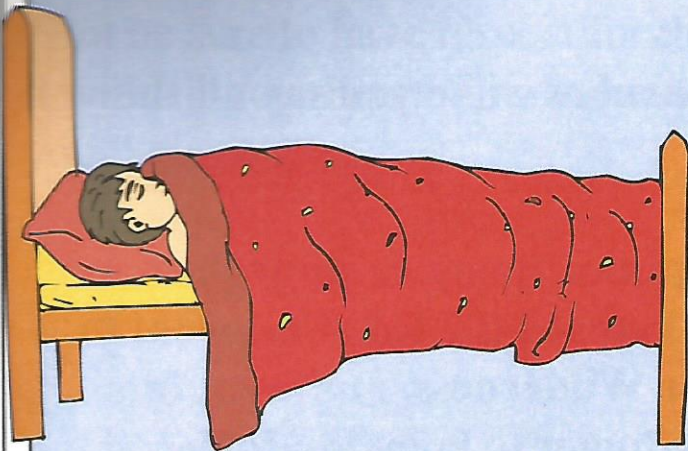
**Eli.**

**Elkanah.**

One night while Eli and Samuel were sleeping, Samuel heard a voice calling him. He thought it was Eli, so he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am."

But Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." This happened two more times! Then Eli knew that God was calling Samuel. Eli said, "Go lie down. When He calls you next time, say, 'Speak, Lord, I am listening.'"

So, that's what Samuel did. God said He wanted Samuel to be His prophet. God also told Samuel that Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were very wicked. God told Samuel that soon He would punish Eli's sons for not obeying God's Word. And, God was not happy with Eli because Eli didn't teach Hophni and Phinehas to obey the Lord.



**Who called Samuel in the middle of the night?**

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**True or False? God wanted Samuel to be His prophet.**

**Be ready to tell the class why God was not pleased with Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas.**

*Lesson 1*

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### Memory Verse:

Here we go with a **new memory verse!** Practice saying it over and over again with your mother or daddy.

1 Samuel 12:24

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## Working Hard on Bible Facts

What is the book of **Genesis** about? (Creation, Flood, Tower of Babel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

**Walk around and around the room while you say all the books of the whole Bible.**

On your **Bible map**, use your **pinkie finger** to show the way the Israelites left Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, went to **Mount Sinai**, wandered in the Wilderness, and went into **Canaan**. Then use your **pinkie finger** to point to **Moab** and to **Mount Nebo**.