

In God's Big Story

After years of praying, Hannah is still childless. Though sad, she continues to pray in the tabernacle where she encounters Eli the priest. God answers her prayers, and Hannah gives birth to Samuel, whom she returns to the Lord.

Wonder Truth: God Answers Prayers

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1

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GOD ANSWERS HANNAH'S PRAYER

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

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WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

ELEMENTARY:

God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us.

—Ephesians 3:20 (NIRV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

God can do more than we could ever imagine.

—from Ephesians 3:20

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- Prayer is talking with and listening to God. Do you think prayer is a good thing? Why?
- What kinds of things can we talk with God about when we pray?
- Does God always answer your prayers the way you think He should? Why do you think that is?
- Share a time God answered a prayer!



CREATE IT!

Prayer Bookmarks

God heard Hannah, and He hears us. He is faithful to His promise to always be with us. We can pray to Him and trust in His faithfulness. God's answers to our prayers might not be as fast as we want or the way we want, but He is faithful to hear us and answer us in the best possible way. To help remember this truth and not become discouraged in periods of waiting, make bookmarks together as a family. Create bookmarks out of paper, construction paper, or cardstock. On the front of the bookmark write, "God Answers Prayers." Then decorate and personalize your bookmarks using any art supplies you have on hand. Keep the back of the bookmark blank and use this space to write down prayer requests. Remember to write the date of the prayer request and leave room to write and celebrate the date God answers the prayer request!



WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

Prayer Charades

In God's big story, Hannah was so sad she couldn't even vocalize her prayer request. Her mouth moved, but she could only pray in her heart. Eli, the priest, was very confused by her behavior until she explained to him she was praying.

As a family, play a game of Prayer Charades. Choose one player to start. The first player thinks of a prayer request and uses gestures to act out his request. Repeat until all family members have had multiple opportunities to act out prayers. When you are finished, spend time praying together for your requests.

Parent Tip: Before you play, remind kids God loves to hear our prayers for things we can see, like Hannah's request for a baby, and things we cannot see, such as joy, patience, forgiveness, and a heart for others. Consider brainstorming as a family the different things we can bring to God in prayer.