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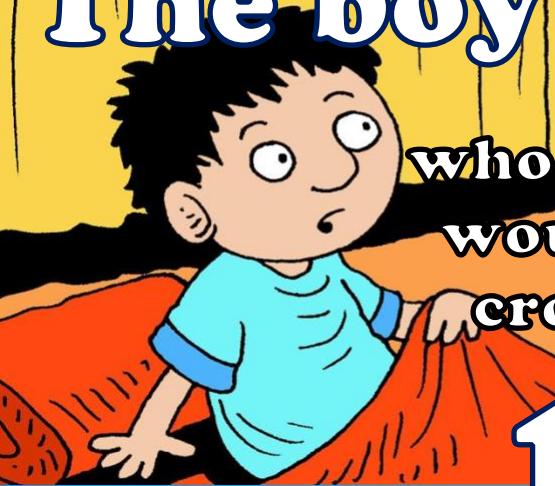
passage – **1 Samuel 1. 1-28**

theme – **Born to serve**

*The story of Samuel started with a lady who prayed!
See if you can find the picture of the praying hands
on every page of the worksheet*



The boy



who
would
crown



the king!

SAMUEL

**How many different words
can you make using the
letters of the name Samuel**

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**The story of Samuel is the story
of how God changed a nation –
really through just one person!**

The story started with choices which he made
when he was still just a boy.

A reminder of how important it is for you,
when you're still young, to be making those
good choices yourself!

*Actually the story started before Samuel was
even born! That's what this passage is about.*

Read
1 Samuel 1
verses 1-3, 6-7

not
right

There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.² He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

³Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the Lord.

⁶Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.⁷This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

Have a look at the picture below and circle all the things you can see in the picture which are not right.



The time of the judges

The story of Samuel starts at a time when things were far from right in the land of Israel. ?

The book of Judges in the Bible tells us about that time and explains that it was a time when –

“there was no king in the land of Israel and everyone did what was right in their own eyes”



There were a lot of things that were not right in the home of Elkanah. Read through the verses and circle anything you can see which is not how it's meant to be!

don't panic: pray!

Read
1 Samuel 1
verses 9-11

Hannah prayed to the Lord

This was the moment which changed the course of history! Hannah took everything to the Lord in prayer – and although she could never have guessed what would happen at all, her prayer would change the situation.



⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house.

¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.

¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'

actually it was **God**
who changed everything

but when she prayed Hannah was laying hold of God and bringing Him into her situation – and He changes everything!

Remember that always!
Whatever your problem,
take it to the Lord in prayer!



PRAYER
CHANGES EVERYTHING



Read

1 Samuel 1
verses 19-20, 24-28

given over to the LORD

The Lord remembered her.

²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.'

²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was: ... they brought the boy to Eli (*he was the priest, remember*)
²⁶ and she said to him,

'Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he shall be given over to the Lord.'

And he worshipped the Lord there.

She named him

SAMUEL

Hannah gave a name to her son which would remind him (& everyone else) of how he came to be born – it was because

God hears our prayers

Hannah knew that God had given her this son. So she wanted to give him back to serve God.

Although this little boy was very precious to Hannah, she knew that he really belonged to the Lord.

And that's the most important thing for you to remember about yourself –

you belong to the Lord!

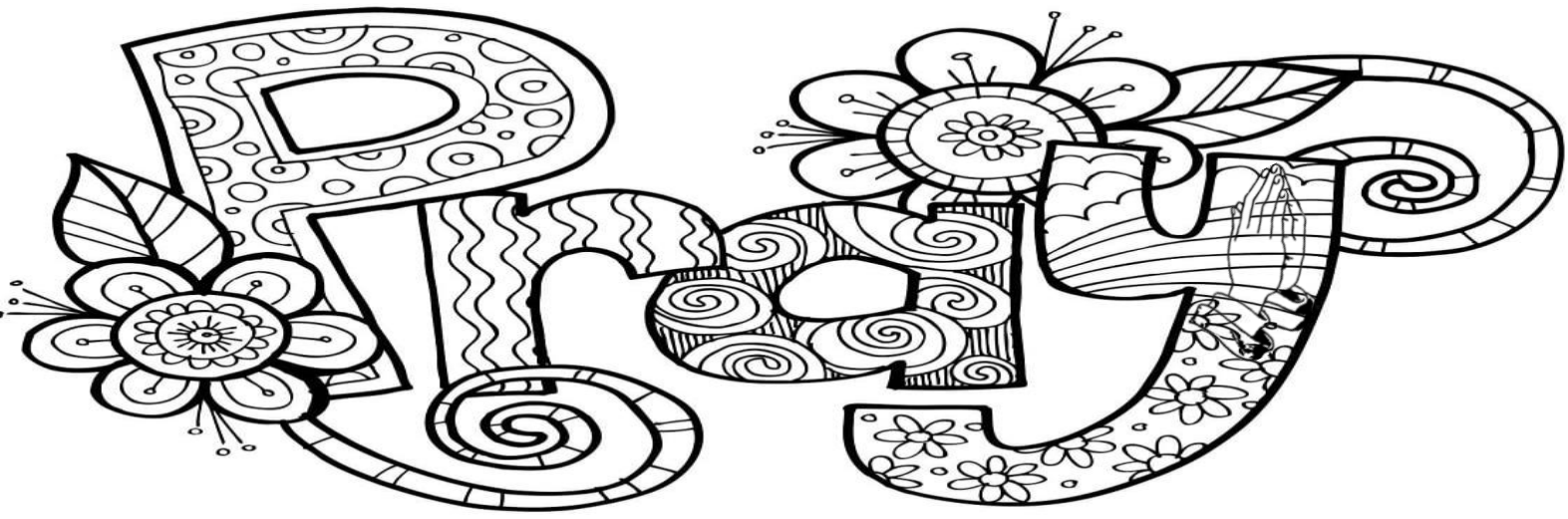
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Use the words of verse 28 to help you fill in the blanks in the box – and make that promise your own way of worshipping the Lord this evening!





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you

I'm glad that we can speak to You, Lord, whenever we have a problem.

And I'm glad that You always hear our prayers too!

Thank You that You know what we need, and that You help us out.

What an amazing story! Hannah must have been so pleased when she discovered that You had heard her prayer and given her a son.

It couldn't have been easy for her to give her son back to You!

Help me to remember that, like Samuel, I too belong to You. For my whole life, Lord, I want to be given over to You, to serve You always.

Help me to start following You now, Lord Jesus.



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

"He shall be given
over to the Lord"
1 Samuel 1.²⁸



Wordsearch

Here's a Wordsearch based on the story of Samuel.
See if you can find the words



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SAMUEL

TEMPLE

SERVANT

PRIEST

ELI

PROPHET

HANNAH

CHILD

PUNISH

GOD

WOMAN

ISRAEL



COLOUR in the picture

Try colouring in the picture below as neatly as you can!

