

Tonight's

Tonight's passage is about a lady who put God first in her heart. Hidden on every page there's a 1st rosette. Try and find them all!

passage – 1 Samuel 4. ¹⁹⁻²²

theme – serve the Lord!



Today's passage

is about a lady so 'ordinary' that we don't even know her name. But she teaches us a lot about what it is to serve the Lord.



The wife of
Phinehas



Read

1 Samuel 4

verses 19-20

¹⁹ Eli's daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant and near the time of delivery.

When she heard the news that the ark of God had been captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she went into labour and gave birth, but was overcome by her labour pains.

²⁰ As she was dying, the women attending her said, 'Don't despair; you have given birth to a son.'

But she did not respond or pay any attention.

-serving the Lord is costly

The story so far

Eli had been the priest and leader of God's people for 40 years.

He had two sons who were helped him as priests. Their names were (look at v.17)

H _ _ H _ _ and
P _ _ N _ _ _ S

Can you remember what we're told about them? Look at chapter 2 and verse 12. They were

Here are the letters you'll need!
ROUND LESS C

It wasn't easy for this lady.

Her husband was an embarrassment and did some very shameful things.

But she stuck with him.

That's like Jesus who came to us and sticks with us – even though we, also, do shameful things.

He hung out with people whose lives were messed up



SERVING THE LORD

This lady was prepared to be a 'nobody' – remember, we don't even know her name!

Serving the Lord means pointing people to Jesus, not yourself

serving the Lord and being fruitful

she was pregnant

She was due to give birth to a child.

Then she got news of what had happened at the battle.

Her husband and his brother had taken the special box to the battlefield: this box had the 10 commandments of God in it, and they thought that having that with them would help them win the battle.

It didn't!

The people of God lost the battle with the Philistines. The special box was captured and taken away. Lots of people died in the battle.

Including this lady's husband.

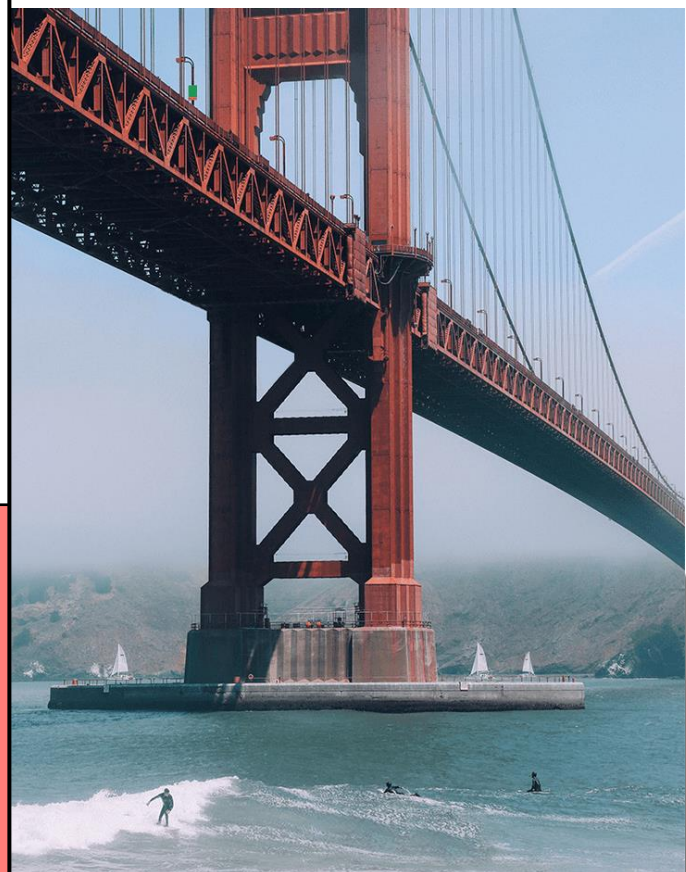
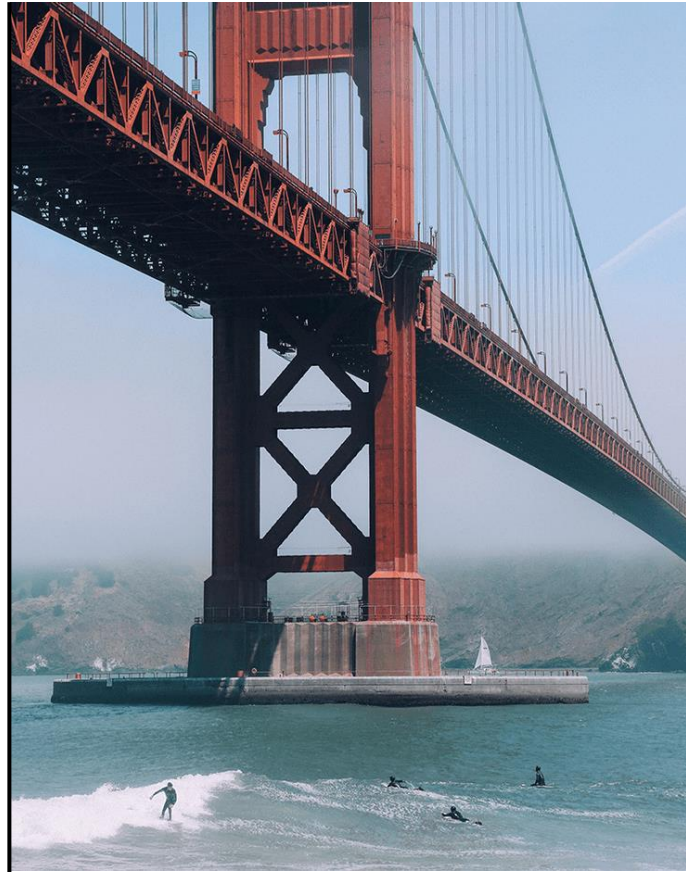
She also got news that her father in law, the old priest, Eli, had just died.

So although she gave birth to a son, it came at a big cost. Her husband's death, her father-in-law's death, and her own death.

There are **6** differences between the two pictures of the 'Golden Gate' bridge in San Francisco. Can you spot them all?

It's a reminder to us that, just like Jesus, if we're going to give life to others, we must 'die to ourselves': that means letting go of our own desires and putting ourselves out for others.

That's the 'Golden Gate' bridge to living a fruitful life for God!





serving the Lord & seeking

Read

1 Samuel 4

verses 21-22

God's Glory

ICHABOD!

²¹ She named the boy Ichabod, saying, 'The Glory has departed from Israel'— because of the capture of the ark of God and the deaths of her father-in-law and her husband.

²² She said, 'The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.'

The name parents give their child can be a way of letting others know what really matters to them.



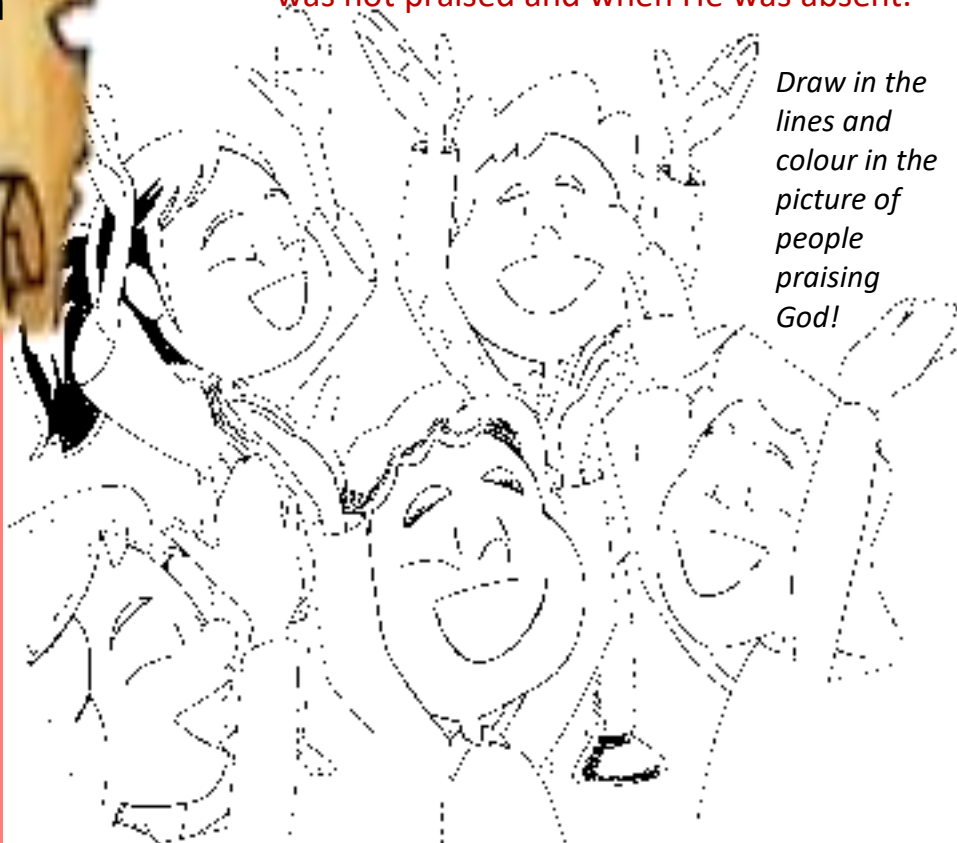
For her what mattered most was the

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That's to say, what her greatest desire was that people should praise God and enjoy His being with them.

And her greatest sorrow was when God was not praised and when He was absent.

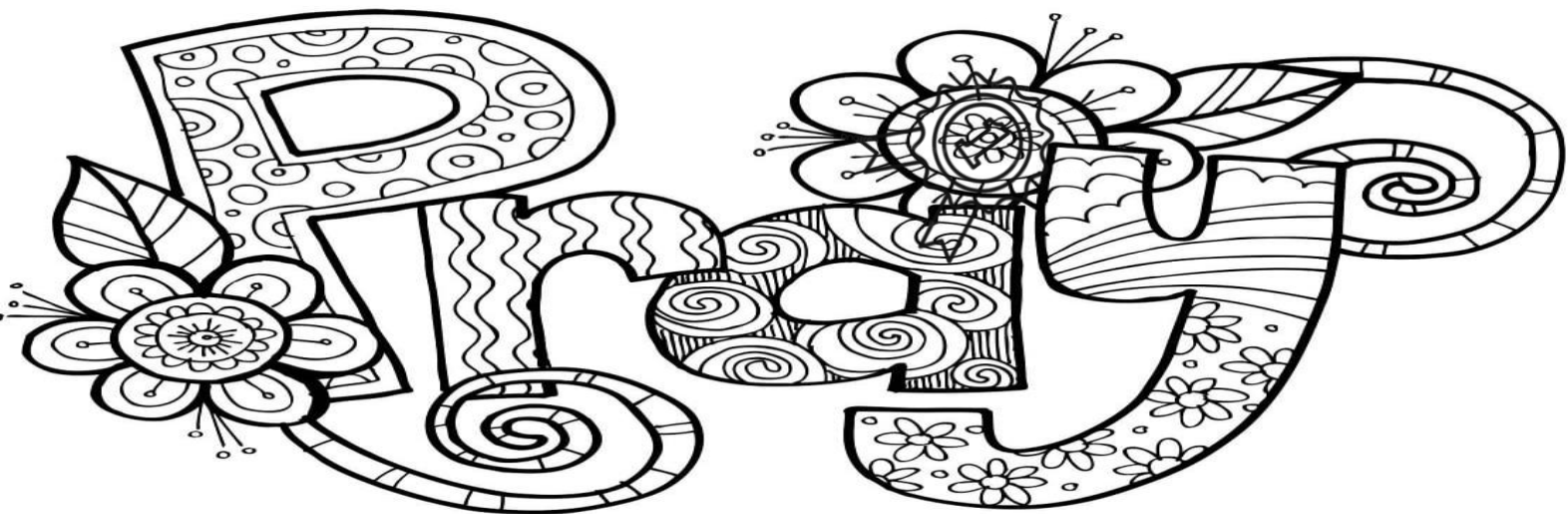
Draw in the lines and colour in the picture of people praising God!



think . .

In what ways can you help others want to praise the Lord?





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

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving us the Bible.

Thank You for all the different people whose stories You tell us in the Bible.

Thank You for helping the lady I've been learning about today – helping her to love You and to trust You even when things were hard for her.

Please help me to learn to love You more and more each day.

Help me to know that You're always there when things happen which make me sad or afraid.

Help me, too, to tell my friends about You so that they can get to know You too.

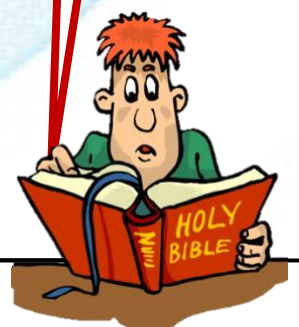
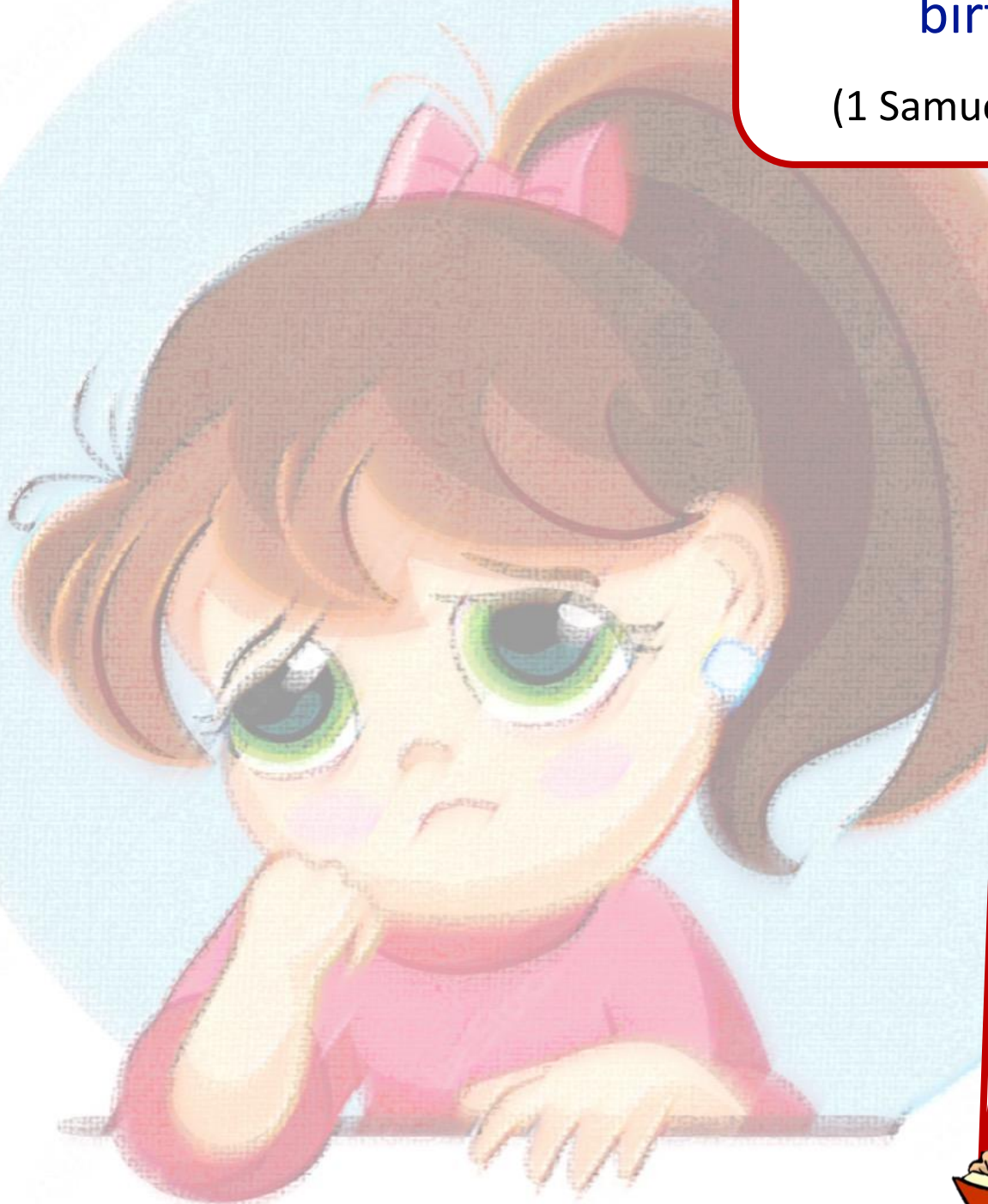
Thank You, Lord Jesus, for everything!



① Today's verse for you to try and remember!

She went into
labour and gave
birth

(1 Samuel 4.20)



Wordsearch

The Wordsearch is about the 'giving glory to the Lord'.
It's taken from Psalm 145. See if you can find all the words!

E A Y B S W O R T H Y R S W T M F F E C P H I A
F E E P U W P U I L A F I S N S T A G H F T J E
R L V S J X N O G M R L K U W O C W S E O Q E F
B W D E U L B G R P G K K O D W S E Q K B M A J
U W H C R C X U E U I W C E E X B S N D I I D L
R I P B K L A U A V Y G S T C M J O X E T X N W
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J Q Z P T N A D N U B A Q C A K R V T H G S Q R
H O A U E Z M X R O Z Q M Y N D B A U N E A J K
N U M F K K E Y V B U G G S I W R X I K N Y P L
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COMPASSIONATE
FAITHFUL
GLORIOUS
LOVING
GLORY
GOOD

EVERLASTING
GRACIOUS
SATISFY
MIGHTY
GREAT

RIGHTEOUS
ABUNDANT
AWESOME
WORTHY
NEAR



COLOUR in the picture

But seek
ye first the
kingdom
of God

Matthew 6:33

