

HANNAH DEDICATES SAMUEL

1 Samuel 1:1-28

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¹There 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. ²He 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. ⁴Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶And because the LORD had closed her 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. ⁸Elkanah her husband would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

⁹Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD'S temple. ¹⁰In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. ¹¹And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon 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."

¹²As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine."

¹⁵"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been

drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. ¹⁶Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

¹⁷Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

¹⁸She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

¹⁹Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

²¹When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow, ²²Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always."

²³"Do what seems best to you," Elkanah her husband told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word." So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

²⁴After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. ²⁵When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶and she said to him, "As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What made Hannah so sad?
5		2.) What did Hannah promise to do if God gave her a child?
5		3.) How did Hannah keep her promise?
5		4.) Why do you think Eli, the priest, thought Hannah was drunk?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 6:9</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Hannah brings Samuel to the temple to dedicate him to the Lord

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: PRAYING HANDS

Students will make praying hands to remind them that Hannah prayed to the Lord, and he answered her prayer by giving her a son named Samuel.

MATERIALS

1. 67 Lb. White Cardstock
2. Praying Hands Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “Praying Hands Pattern” onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the two hands.
3. Allow students to cut out the two hands and the prayer request box.
4. Help students write down a prayer request in the box.
5. Encourage students to glue their prayer request between the two hands.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their praying hands, remind them that God answers our prayers. Encourage students to take their praying hands home as a reminder for them to pray. The prayer request inside can be either a praise or a petition (request). Help them see Hannah as an example of a praying person. God heard her request and granted it. God hears us too.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

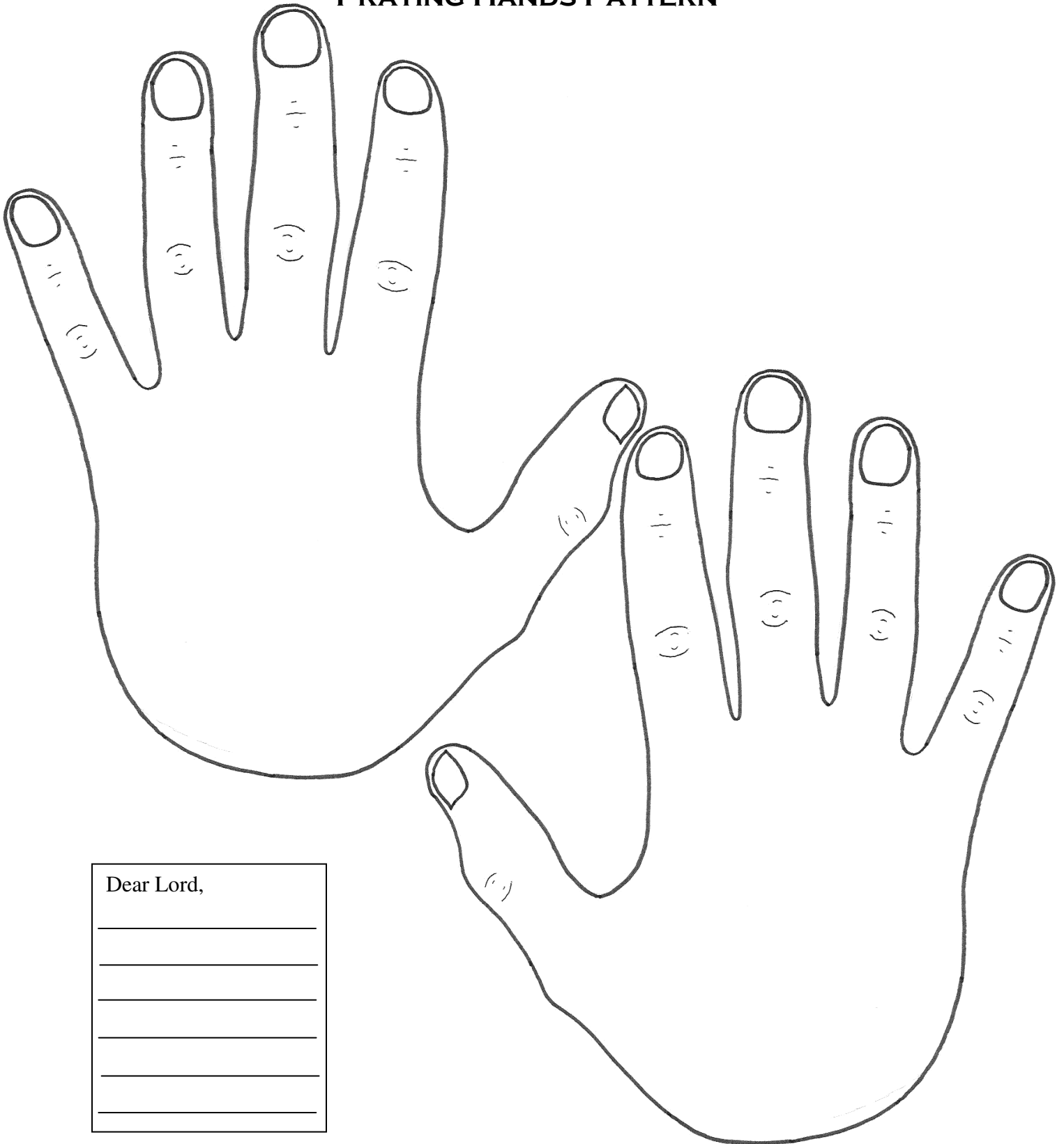
MEMORY VERSE

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PRAYING HANDS PATTERN



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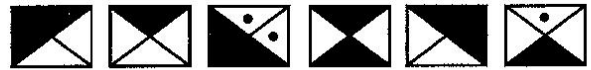
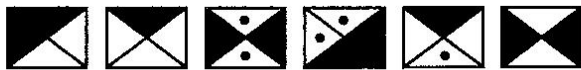
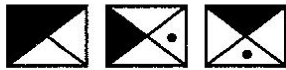
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Walter was named after his grandfather. Christine was named after her aunt. Why did Hannah name her son *Samuel*?

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 1 SAMUEL 1:1-28

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This afternoon, witnesses saw a woman named Hannah crying and praying to God in the temple. She was crying and praying because she was unable to have any children.

She was asking God for a son.

“If you will give me a son, I will give him back to you,” sobbed Hannah.

Eli, the priest, was watching Hannah. He thought she had been drinking too much wine. He didn’t know that she was praying to God for a son.

Eli told her, “Go in peace. May the God of Israel grant you what you have asked for.”

The Lord heard Hannah’s prayers and answered her. She gave birth to a son. Hannah named him Samuel.

When Samuel got older, Hannah took him to the temple. She dedicated Samuel to the Lord.

Samuel lived in the temple with Eli, the priest.

Hannah was pleased that God gave her a son. She wanted to give her son Samuel back to God. Hannah kept her promise!

For more details, please read 1 Samuel 1:1-28 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why was Hannah crying in the temple?
2. Who heard her crying?
3. How did God answer Hannah’s prayers?
4. Why do you think Hannah brought Samuel back to the temple?

MEMORY VERSE

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UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

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