



Unit 10, Session 1

Hannah and Samuel

1 Samuel 1–3

Story Point: God called Hannah's son to share God's plan.

Hannah was very sad because she did not have any children. Hannah prayed, “Lord, if You give me a son, I will dedicate him to You. He will serve You all of his life.”

A priest named Eli watched Hannah pray. Eli replied, “May God answer your prayers.”

God did answer her prayers. After some time, Hannah gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel. When Samuel was no longer a baby, Hannah took him to Eli at the tabernacle.

Hannah returned home and left Samuel with Eli to serve God. God gave Hannah many more children.

One night, Eli was in his bed and Samuel was lying in the tabernacle when Samuel heard someone call his name. “Here I am,” Samuel replied. He ran to Eli.

But it wasn't Eli. He told Samuel to go back to bed. God called Samuel three times, and each time Samuel ran to Eli. Eli finally understood that God was calling to Samuel. He told Samuel how to respond. Samuel went back to his place, and God called, “Samuel, Samuel!”

“Speak, for Your servant is listening,” Samuel replied. As Samuel grew, God was with him. Everyone in Israel knew that Samuel was God's messenger. God used Samuel to share His plan with the nation of Israel.

Christ Connection: Samuel used God's words to tell the people what God is like. John 1:1 says that Jesus is the Word. Jesus—the Son of God—told the world about God's plan and showed what God is like.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Use the words from the word list to fill in the blanks and complete Samuel's story. (Word List: *listening, speak, Eli, God, Hannah, Israel, Samuel*)

_____ gave birth to a son and named him _____ . Hannah left Samuel with the priest _____ to serve God. One night, Samuel was lying in the _____ when someone called his name.

Finally, Samuel said, " _____ , for your servant is _____ . " _____ used Samuel to share His plan with the nation of _____ .

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What message did God have for Eli's family?

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APPLY the Story

- How does God speak to us today?
- What message do we have to share with the world?
- Have you ever been afraid to share the gospel? Why or why not?

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- ## READ THE WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Isaiah 12:4

Galatians 1:10-12

 Proverbs 19:20

Jeremiah 33:3

Philippians 4:6