

Lesson 3.4

Topic: Hannah Prays for a Son

Age: 1-3

Objective: Children will understand why we pray and learn how to pray.

Welcome Time: Engage the children in Center play or free play with table toys such as blocks, puzzles and musical songs related to the lesson of the day to get them settled for the service.

Opening Activity (5 Minutes)

- **Song:** Sing “God is So Good” or “Whisper a Prayer in the Morning.”
 - **Warm-Up Question:** Ask, “Have you ever asked for something special, like a toy or a snack? Did someone give it to you?”
 - Explain: We can ask God for things in prayer because He loves us and hears us.
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Memory Verse : Samuel 1:27 (NIV): *“I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him.”*

Bible Story

Reference: 1 Samuel 1:9-20

- Simplify the story of Hannah for preschoolers:
 - “Hannah wanted a baby very much, but she didn’t have one. She went to the temple and prayed to God, asking Him to give her a son. She prayed with all her heart and promised to give her son to God. God heard her prayer, and He gave her a baby boy named Samuel. Hannah was so happy and thanked God for answering her prayer!”
- **Key Points:**
 - Hannah prayed to God because she trusted Him.
 - God hears our prayers and answers in His perfect time.



- Hannah wanted a child for a long time and that people used to make fun of her. She kept trusting God and prayed to Him when she goes to the temple.
- Hannah promised God, she will bring her baby to God, if God gives her a son.



- Hannah gave birth to baby Samuel, which her and the family very happy. God heard her pray
- And she remembered her promised to God.





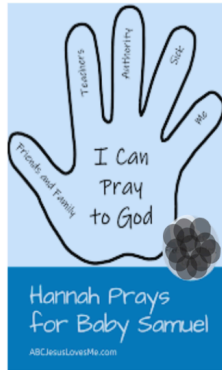
- Hannah looked after Samuel until he was old enough to take to the temple
- 1 Sam 2:26 Samuel grew up and God and everyone liked him.

Discussion

Ask questions to help the children understand:

1. Who did Hannah pray to? (God!)
 2. What did she ask for? (A baby.)
 3. Did God answer her prayer? (Yes, He gave her Samuel.)
 4. Can we ask God for what we need? (Yes, He loves us and listens to us.)
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Activity: Praying Hand



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2. What did she ask for? (A baby.)
3. Did God answer her prayer? (Yes, He gave her Samuel.)
4. Can we ask God for what we need? (Yes, He loves us and listens to us.)
5. WHAT CAN YOU ALSO PRAY ABOUT?

Minutes)

Teach children about praying with all their heart.

- Draw a large hand on a poster board and label it “Our Prayers.”
- Ask each child to share something they would like to pray for (e.g., family, friends, or a pet).
- Write their prayer requests inside the hand.