

GOD HEARS HANNAH AND SAMUEL

Timeless Truth: God uses willing hearts to serve him.

Bible Basis: 1 Samuel 1:1–2:2, 21; 3:1–10

Key Verse: [The LORD] said, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel replied, "Speak. I'm listening."
—1 Samuel 3:10b NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 10: "God Hears Hannah and Samuel"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 10 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child practice listening and realize that God hears our prayers. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

Hannah prayed to God, and Samuel listened to God. God answers me and talks to me when I pray, too.

TABLE TALK

- What did Hannah pray for?
- Who called Samuel at night?
- What can you pray for?

LIVING FAITH

Samuel heard God call him. God hears our prayers. Play this listening game with your child to talk more about the concept of listening. Gather things from around your house that have a distinct noise. Those things might be a toy that makes noise, an alarm, keys, a door opening and closing, or a jar of beans. Let each of the things you gathered or already have in the room make their noise while your preschooler watches. Then have your preschooler close his eyes while you make noise with each item. Can your preschooler guess what each sound is? Then, let your child use the items to make noises for you to guess.

EXTRA MILE

Spend time praying this week—at meals, when you get in the car, at bedtime and naptime, when you get up. Help your child start a habit—praying to God anytime about anything.

Teach your child some simple prayers to sing or pray at bedtime or for meals.

With your child, make a simple poster about things to pray for by gluing pictures onto a piece of construction paper. In the middle, write, "God hears me when I pray." When your child wants to pray, he can look at the poster and pick a few things to talk to God about.

Use these motions to help your child remember the Bible point.

God (*Point up to God.*)

Hears (*Cup hands around ears.*)

Me (*Point to yourself.*)

Pray. (*Fold hands in prayer.*)