

# The Story at Home

**Timeless Truth:** God answered Hannah's prayer. God hears me pray, too.

**Key Passages:** 1 Samuel 1:1-2:2, 21; 3:1-10

**Resources:** *The Story for Little Ones* Ch. 10: "God Hears Hannah and Samuel"



Ages 2-4

Preschool

## Memory Verse

**The Lord** (point up)

**Has filled my heart** (cross arms over chest)

**With joy.** (point to smile)

**He has made** (point up)

**Me** (thumbs to chest)

**Strong.** (muscle arms)

**1 Samuel 2:1** (Open hands like a book.)

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.

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.)

**What did Hannah pray for?**

**Who called Samuel at night?**

**What can you pray for?**



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