

Bible Verse: The Lord has filled my heart with joy.

He has made me strong. 1 Samuel 2:1

Bible Point: God answered Hannah's prayer.

God hears me pray, too.

Coloring Page: God answers Hannah's prayer.

Resource: The Story for Little Ones, Chapter 10:

God Hears Hannah and Samuel





Prayer Poster

What You Need:

"I will Pray Everyday" activity page, coloring crayons

What You Do:

Distribute one sheet per child. Say a prayer for the class. Distribute the crayons, then tell the class that they are to color only the square for "Sunday" (or whichever day it is). Explain that everyone is to take a prayer poster home and color a square on each day after praying.

What You Say:

Today, we learned about young Samuel. Samuel's mother prayed to God to have a baby, and God heard her prayer and gave her Samuel. When Samuel was a young child, he went to live in the house of the Lord. He learned to serve God there. When he was older, God spoke to Samuel at night and woke him up three times. Each time, Samuel listened to God's voice. Samuel grew up to become a great leader of God's people because he listened to God. God heard Hannah and Samuel. God hears your prayers too.





Capture the Flag:

What You Need:

Several colored flags, pencil, paper and questions

What You Do:

Divide the children into two teams. Have the teams sit together. Tell the children that they will receive a flag for each correct answer. Tell the children that you will read questions about this week's Bible story. If they would like to answer the question they should raise their hands. Keep score for the children. The team with the most flags at the end of the game wins.

What You Say:

In our Bible story, you learned about Samuel. Samuel's mother prayed to God for a son and promised that her son would serve God. When Samuel was a young child, he went to live in the house of the Lord. He learned to serve God there. When he was older, God spoke to Samuel at night and woke him up three times. Samuel listened to God's voice. Samuel grew up to become a great leader of God's people because he listened to God and obeyed. In our game today, you are going to hear some questions about this week's Bible story and decide if the answer is "yes" or "no".





Prayer Hot Potato:

What You Need:

Ball, cd player and music

What You Do:

Use the ball to play a game of hot potato with the children. If you have more than one ball, you can divide the children into smaller groups of nine and ten. Tell the children that each time the music stops the child holding the ball should name either a place that they can talk to God or a time that they can pray. Some examples are: morning, bedtime, mealtime, family time or play-time. Other examples are in the car, at school, at home, at church, at the dinner table, etc.

What You Say:

In our Bible story, you learned about Samuel. Samuel's mother prayed to God for a son and promised that her son would serve God. When Samuel was a young child, he went to live in the house of the Lord. He learned to serve God there. When he was older, God spoke to Samuel at night and woke him up three times. Samuel listened to God's voice. Samuel grew up to become a great leader of God's people because he listened to God and obeyed. In our game today, you heard that anytime is the right time to pray to God. God heard Hannah and Samuel. God hears your prayers too.



The Story Week 10 -

God Hears Hannah and Samuel



Praying Hands

What You Need:

Crayons or markers and print outs of "the Hands Activity Page" for each child.

What You Do:

Have the children write down or draw something that they would like to pray about. Remind them of Hannah's prayer for a baby and tell them that they can use this picture as a reminder to pray themselves.

Discuss with the children the 5 Finger Rule:

- 1. Praise God for all he is.
- 2. Thank God for what he has done.
- 3. Tell God what others need prayer for.
- 4. Tell God what I need help with.
- 5. Tell God anything you are sorry about.

What You Say:

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