



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 9 • Session 2

## SAMUEL WAS BORN AND CALLED

1 Samuel 1-3

**HOW DOES GOD CARE FOR HIS CREATION?  
GOD LOVES AND RULES OVER HIS CREATION ACCORDING  
TO HIS PERFECT PLAN.**

During the time of the judges, there was a woman named Hannah who desperately wanted a son. Every year, she would go with her husband to worship and sacrifice to the Lord. During one of her visits, Hannah went into the temple, crying and praying to God: "Lord, please give me a son, and I will give him back to you." Eli was also in the temple at the same time. He said, "Go in peace, and may God grant your request and give you a son." God answered Hannah's prayer, and she gave birth to a boy, and she named him Samuel.

When the boy was a few years old, Hannah returned to Shiloh and gave Samuel to Eli to worship and serve the Lord. Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart rejoices in the Lord. There is no one holy like our God!"

Sometime later, Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord by the ark of God. The Lord called Samuel, and Samuel answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "I didn't call," Eli replied. "Go back and lie down." A third time, the Lord called Samuel. This time, when Samuel went to Eli, Eli understood that the Lord was calling Samuel. He said to Samuel, "If he calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" When the Lord called Samuel a fourth time, Samuel replied, "Speak, for your servant is listening." God spoke to Samuel, and all Israel knew that Samuel was a prophet of the Lord.

**Christ Connection:** God called to Samuel, and Samuel responded. God calls people to turn from sin and follow Jesus. Everyone who responds by trusting in Jesus is saved from sin.

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!**



**Truths about Prayer** | Hannah prayed to God, and He answered her. Look up and read each Bible verse. Then color the box the same color as the Bible verse that it matches.

Jeremiah  
29:12

Romans  
12:12

Matthew  
6:9-13

James  
5:16

Philippians  
4:6-7

Jesus taught to pray for God's will to be done.

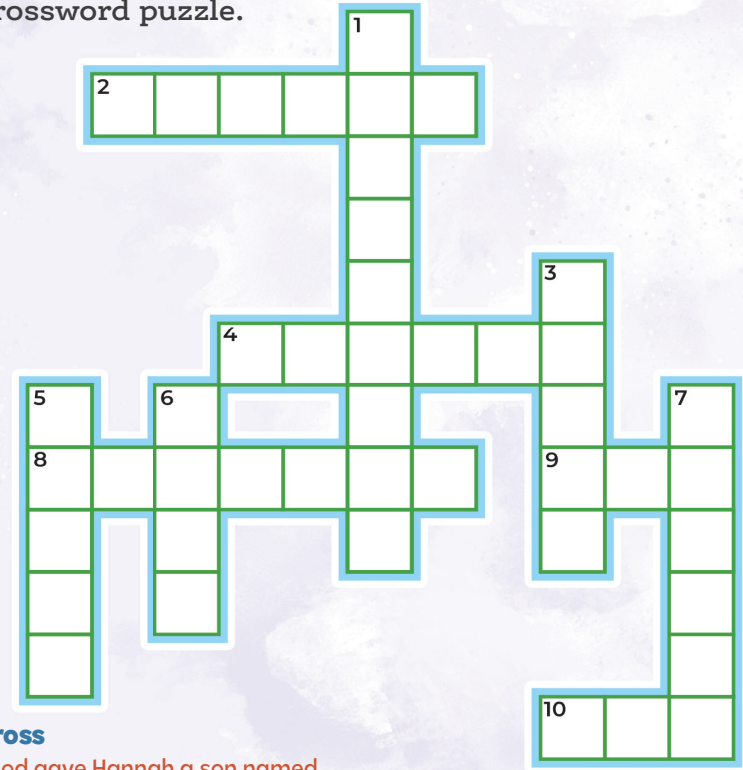
God tells us to give our requests to Him in prayer.

God hears our prayers to Him.

God tells us to pray for one another.

Be persistent in prayer.

**Complete the Crossword** | Use the clues and word bank to help you complete the crossword puzzle.



**Across**

- 2. God gave Hannah a son named \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ prayed to God for a son.
- 8. Samuel was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ was a priest at the temple.
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ answered Hannah's prayer.

**Down**

- 1. Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ to God's call.
- 3. God called to Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ times before Samuel knew God was speaking.
- 5. Eli told Samuel to say, "\_\_\_\_\_, LORD, for your servant is listening."
- 6. Hannah said no one is \_\_\_\_\_ like the Lord.
- 7. Eli's sons were \_\_\_\_\_ leaders.

**Word bank:**  
GOD, HANNAH, SAMUEL,  
ELI, SPEAK, WICKED,  
RESPONDED, PROPHET,  
THREE, HOLY

