



## A Prophet's Tale: Samuel

Prophet Samuel begins a new chapter in God's story. Hannah was his mother. Her and her husband could not have children for years. Hannah would travel to a Temple in Shiloh to pray. This upset her so much, she cried and cried to God in prayer for a child. Hannah even promised God if he blessed her with a baby she would dedicate him to God's work. Eli the appointed Judge over Israel saw Hannah praying continually at the temple and prayed with her. After those prayers God blessed Hannah with a son! She wanted to thank God for her blessing with his name. Hannah named her son Samuel which means God hears.

**Q: What did Hannah do when she traveled to the Temple?**

A: She prayed to God for a son.

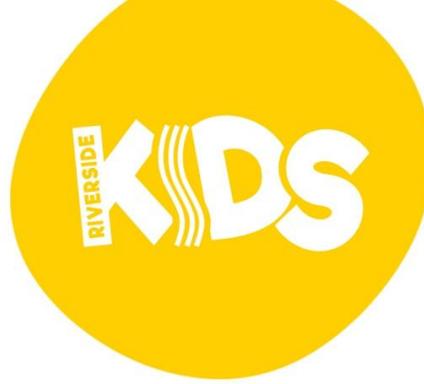
**Q: What did Hannah promise God she would do if he blessed her with a baby?**

A: She promised to dedicate him to the Lord.

**Q: What does Samuel's name mean?**

A: God hears.





Hannah did what she promised God. She went to drop off her son Samuel to Eli at the Temple. Hannah would visit him when she came to pray. Eli took care of Samuel and spent lots of time teaching him about God. One day when Samuel was 11 years old he heard a voice calling his name. He thought it was Eli calling him and went to him. Eli sent him back to sleep. But this happened a few times and Eli realized God was calling Samuel. Samuel told him to answer God with these words, “Speak Lord for your servant hears.” God spoke to Samuel and told him he would be the next prophet over Israel! What an amazing blessing for God to communicate to you directly and trust you with such an important job.

**Q: What did Eli teach Samuel?**

A: All about God.

**Q: Who was calling young Samuel?**

A: God

**Q: What did God tell Samuel?**

A: God told Samuel he would be the next prophet of Israel.





Eli was shocked at this news because he had sons that he thought might take his spot. But he trusted God that Samuel was the right man. Also during this time the Philistines wanted a war with the Israelites. They came and killed soldiers and stole the Ark of the Covenant from the temple where they stayed! Eli's sons were killed. This news was too horrible for Eli when he heard what happened he died. How sad Samuel must have been during this time! He lost his mentor and the Ark of the Covenant. Samuel stayed strong and remained at the temple to do God's work.

**Q: Who did Eli think would take his place as prophet over Israel?**

A: His sons.

**Q: What did the Philistines take from the temple?**

A: The Ark of the Covenant.

**Q: Who was left in charge as the Prophet over Israel after everyone died?**

A: Samuel.





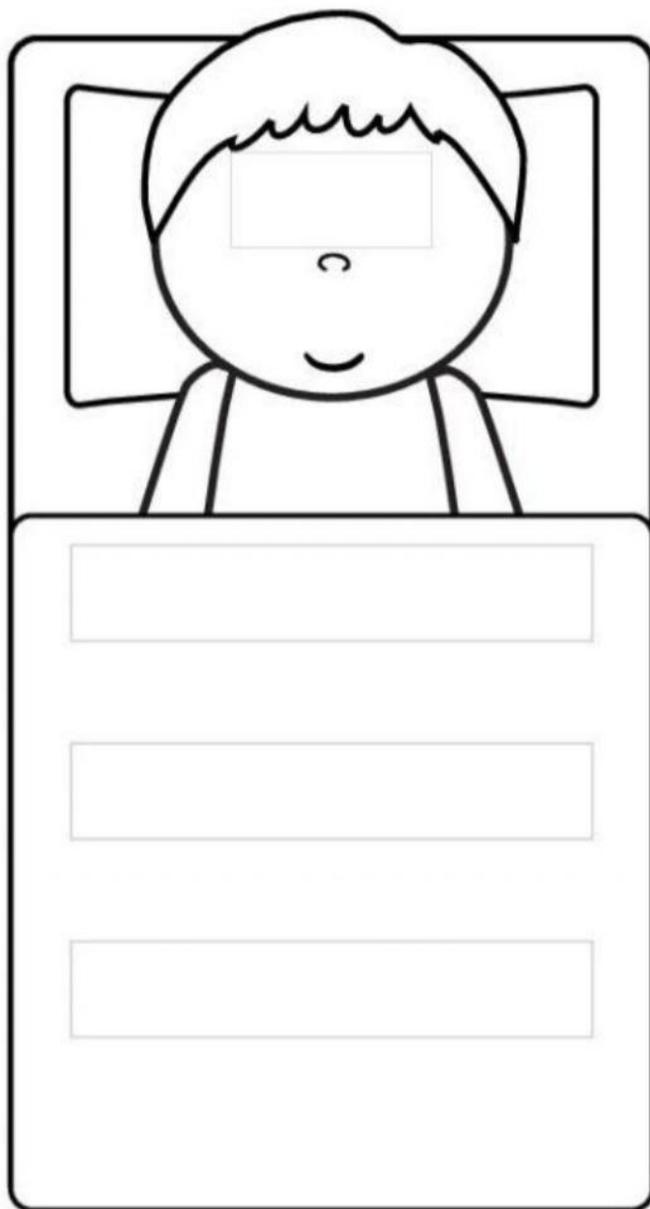
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Samuel Listens

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