



BIBLE STORYLINE

# Hannah's Prayer

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## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

**Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.**

## Slide: Series Intro

**Leader Tip:** Tape a big piece of paper on the wall and write "Wish List" at the top. Write down some of the things you hope to have or do (trip to Europe, big diamond ring, new car, etc). Invite the kids to guess some other things you might want.) Then, ask the class, "Are these things I need or things I want? "What is the difference between needs and wants?"

**Before we jump into our lesson I have a question for you guys! What do you really want or wish for this year? (allow kids to answer). Why do you want that so badly? (allow kids to answer). (If you used the Leader tip, remind them of the difference between needs and wants.) We may wish for a lot of stuff because we think those things will make us happy. But, that might not be true.**

**In today's story, we are going to learn about a lady named Hannah. Her biggest wish was to have a child. And she begged God to answer her prayer.**

**But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.**

## Song

*He Is the Light*

**Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.**

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:* When we pray, we need to trust God's answers. **(Repeat)**

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

**So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- What did Hannah want more than anything? (a baby)

- What did Hannah promise God if he gave her a son? (that she would give that son back to him)
- True or False: When we pray, we should expect God to answer how we want him to. (F)

This is how we often approach God. We think that when we pray for something, God will give us everything we want. But, that's just not how it works. We may think we know what we want, but God knows better. You know why? Because he's God! He knows everything. So, we can go to God and pray for certain things to happen, but God may not always answer the way we want. We need to trust that how God answers our prayers is what's best for us.

For Hannah, she really wanted a child. Back in her day, women who couldn't have kids were left out and even laughed at. So, Hannah prayed really hard for God to give her a child. And, she promised God that if he answered her prayer, she would give her child back to him. God did choose to answer her prayer and Hannah had a son named Samuel. And, Hannah kept her promise to God and brought Samuel to live in the temple when he was just a young boy..

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"God lifts the poor (pretend to lift) from the dust (point to ground) and the needy (hands over heart) from the garbage dump (thumbs down)." 1 Samuel 2:8 *(Repeat)*

This verse is part of Hannah's prayer thanking God for answering her prayer the way she had hoped. We need to remember this, too. When we're going through hard stuff, or we really want something, we can go to God and ask him for those things. But, we need to remember that God knows what's best. He may answer some of our prayers the way we want but he may not answer others. Either way, God loves us and we need to trust his answers no matter what.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*Imagine the Impossible*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

When we pray, we need to trust God's answers. *(Repeat)*

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.