



## Lesson 57: The boy Samuel

### *Scriptural Basis:*



1 Samuel 1 and 2

### *Overview:*

After many years of barrenness, Hannah's prayers are answered. She gives birth to Samuel and gives him to Eli the priest so that he may serve God all the days of his life.

### *Things to consider:*

Hannah enjoys the position of being her husband's favorite wife. He dotes on her and cares for her. Yet she feels incomplete because she is unable to bear children. She trusts God in waiting for a child.

### *The gospel in the story:*



Hannah's story comes on the heels of about 250 years of turmoil during the time of the judges. It was a time when "Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." Hannah's yearning for child is a picture of what the nation of Israel was experiencing – yearning for a King. Like Hannah, Israel needed God's sovereign intervention to heal their brokenness. Just as the birth of Samuel was an answer to Hannah's prayers, in a larger sense, it was an answer to Israel's prayers for deliverance from their sinful ways. God would use Samuel in a powerful way in the unfolding of His plan of salvation through the eventual birth, life and death of the one true King, Jesus.

### *Bible Study for Preparation:*



Read Samuel 1 and 2. Meditate on the anguish, Hannah was experiencing, as well as the anguish of the nation of Israel, as exemplified in Eli's sons! Then, turn your affections to the Lord as you read Hannah's prayer, which is largely prophetic in nature, pointing to a much-needed Savior, Jesus!

## *Teaching the lesson:*

A: Review – Last week – Ruth and Boaz

B: Bible verse memory activity

C. Story

D. Additional activity