



L1.42: Samuel – God Heard

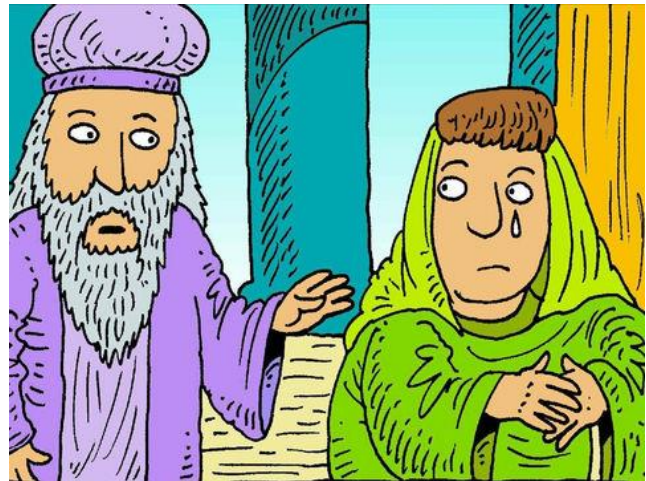
1 Samuel 1-2

As 1 Samuel begins, we are introduced to a woman from the strange-sounding city called Ramathaimzophim! Her name was much easier to pronounce than her city! She was called Hannah.

Hannah was a faithful woman, and loved God. But God had not blessed her with the one thing that she desired most - a child. In time, Hannah and her husband travelled to Shiloh to offer sacrifices to God. As she prayed quietly, she began to weep, begging God to give her a child. If only He would bless her with a son, she prayed, she would dedicate the boy to serve God all his life. God heard the prayer of faithful Hannah, and fulfilled her request. Her son Samuel followed Hannah's example of faithfulness and dedication to God, giving his life in service for decades to come.

Discuss:

- Hannah dedicated her son to God. What does it mean to be dedicated to God?
- Hannah named her son Samuel which means "God heard". Why do you think Hannah chose that name for him?
- Samuel lived and served in the tabernacle from the time he was very young. What do you think it would be like to grow up working in the Tabernacle of God?
- Just as Samuel's story shows, you're never too young to serve and obey God. How can you be like Samuel today?



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Memory Challenge:

1 Samuel 2:26

And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men.