

## God Answers Hannah's Prayer for a Son

## Performance Objectives:

1. Children will pray for things that please God.
2. Children will receive answers to their prayers.
3. Children will tell others about answered prayers.

## Materials Needed:

Verse visuals for Lamentations 3:23b and Matthew 21:22

Song visual for "God Answers Prayer"

Lesson

Dry-erase board and markers

Evaluation sheet

## Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse "Lamentations 3:23b

Ask children to tell needs they have that they will pray for over the month

## Sequence of Activities: (Instructional procedures)

- A. Focusing event-Sing "God Answers Prayer"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)-Matthew 21:22-Explain and go over a couple of times with visuals.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Play tic-tac-toe as a review game, asking review questions from lesson and giving every child a chance to answer questions.

## Evaluation

- A. Of the students
  1. Are the students praying for things that please God?
  2. Are the students receiving answers to their prayers?
  3. Are the students telling others about their answered prayers?
- B. Of the teaching session
  1. Do students understand that the character in the Bible story prayed for something that pleased God?
  2. Do students realize that the character received the answer to their prayer?
  3. Do students recognize that the character told specific people about their answered prayer?
  4. Do students understand the meaning of the memory verse?
  5. Are the students able to answer the review questions?

## **God Answers Hannah's Prayer For a Son (I Samuel 1)**

### **Introduction**

Do you remember when you were just a baby? Your mommy loved you very much and probably wanted to hold you all of the time. Now that you are older, she still loves you, because you are her child. In the Bible, there was a woman who wanted a baby very much, but she was not able to have one. This made her very sad. But this woman knew she could pray to God and ask Him for a baby. This woman was Hannah.

### **Instruction-Content of the Lesson**

Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. (v1-2a)

Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. (v2b)

Elkanah worshipped the Lord in the temple. (v3)

Elkanah gave gifts to all of his family members, but he gave Hannah twice as much because he loved her and the Lord had kept her from having children. (v4-5)

Peninnah was unkind to Hannah when they went to the temple because Hannah could not have children and made Hannah very upset. (v6-7)

Elkanah tried to comfort Hannah. (v8)

Hannah wept and prayed fervently in the temple for a son. (v9-10)

Hannah promised that if God would give her a son, she would give him back to the Lord. (v11)

#### **1. Hannah prayed for something that pleased God-a son to serve the Lord.**

Hannah was so upset that her mouth was moving as she prayed, but no words could be heard. (v13a)

Eli the priest saw her praying and thought she was drunk. (v12,13b-14)

Hannah told Eli she was not drunk, but was very, very sad and was pouring her heart out to the Lord. (v15-16)

Eli told Hannah that God had granted her request for a son. (v17)

Hannah was happy in knowing God would answer her prayer. (v18)

God gave Hannah a son. (v19-20a)

#### **2. God answered Hannah's prayer for a son.**

Hannah named him Samuel which means "asked of God." (v20b)

Hannah did not return to the temple until Samuel was weaned. (v21-23)

When Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him and a sacrifice to the temple to Eli. (v24-25)

Hannah told Eli how that God had answered her prayer for a son. (v26-27)

#### **3. Hannah told Eli about God's answer to her prayer.**

Hannah gave Samuel to the Lord to work in the temple serving the Lord all his life. (v28)

### **Conclusion-Tying the Net**

Hannah prayed for something that pleased God, a son to serve the Lord for all of his life. God answered Hannah's prayer because it pleased Him and Hannah was given a son. When Hannah's prayer was answered, she told someone else, Eli the priest, about what God had done.

If you have trusted in Jesus to save you, you should be praying for things that please God. Maybe you have a family member, a mom or dad or brother or sister who has not trusted in Jesus yet. You can pray for them to trust Jesus, because Jesus is pleased when people trust in Him. Maybe you need God to help you be kind to your brothers and sisters, because you cannot be

kind to them by yourself. God will be pleased if you ask Him to help you be kind, because He tells us in the Bible to be “kind one to another.” You should ask God for things that please Him.

When you ask God for something that pleases Him, you should expect to see Him answer your prayer. Sometimes God will answer right away, like He did with Hannah, and sometimes it will take longer, but if God is pleased with what you ask Him, He will answer your prayer.

Once God answers your prayer, you should tell others about what God has done for you, so that they can thank God with you. If you ask God for a new pair of shoes, because yours are too small, and God answers your prayer, you should tell your family and your friends, and others what God has done for you.

So if you have trusted in Jesus to save you, you should ask God for things that please Him, expect God to answer your prayers, and tell others about God answering your prayers.

If you have not trusted Jesus yet, you cannot expect God to answer your prayers, because you are not His child. God wants you to pray to Him and ask Him to save you from your sins, so that He can make you His child and answer your prayers. If you want to know more about how you can trust Jesus to save you, please talk to me after the lesson.