

Hannah & Samuel

Free Bible lesson for under 5s



Introduction

In this week's lesson, we learn about Hannah and Samuel. We will cover Samuel's birth and his life as a boy in the temple. Their story is found in the book of 1 Samuel 1-3. Some of the key points we will examine are—

- God hears our prayers
- God speaks to us
- We must keep our promises to God.
- Everything we have belongs to God

Video playlist



Lesson guide

In this week's lesson, we are going to focus on our relationship with God through prayer. Talk to your child about how amazing it is that we can have a conversation with God. We can talk to God (use Hannah as an example) and God talks to us (use Samuel as an example).

Use some Styrofoam cups and a length of string to make a 'telephone'. Play with your child sending back and forth messages. Help your child to understand that prayer is not like a microphone, where we only speak to God, but like a telephone, where we speak and listen.

Ask your child about something they really, really wanted. It could be a toy or a birthday and Christmas gift. Explain how Hannah wanted a child for a long time and that people used to tease her. She kept trusting God and prayed to Him.

Explain how Hannah made a promise to God. She told Him that if God gave her a child, she would give the child back to God. Give examples of how we sometimes say something similar. For example, "If you let me go out to play, I'll tidy my toys when I come back in." But then we forget, or don't want to keep our promise. Hannah kept her promise to God. Talk about how we should not say things that we will not do.

Hannah looked after Samuel until he was old enough to take to the temple. Explain how God gives us things to look after for Him, but how everything really is His.

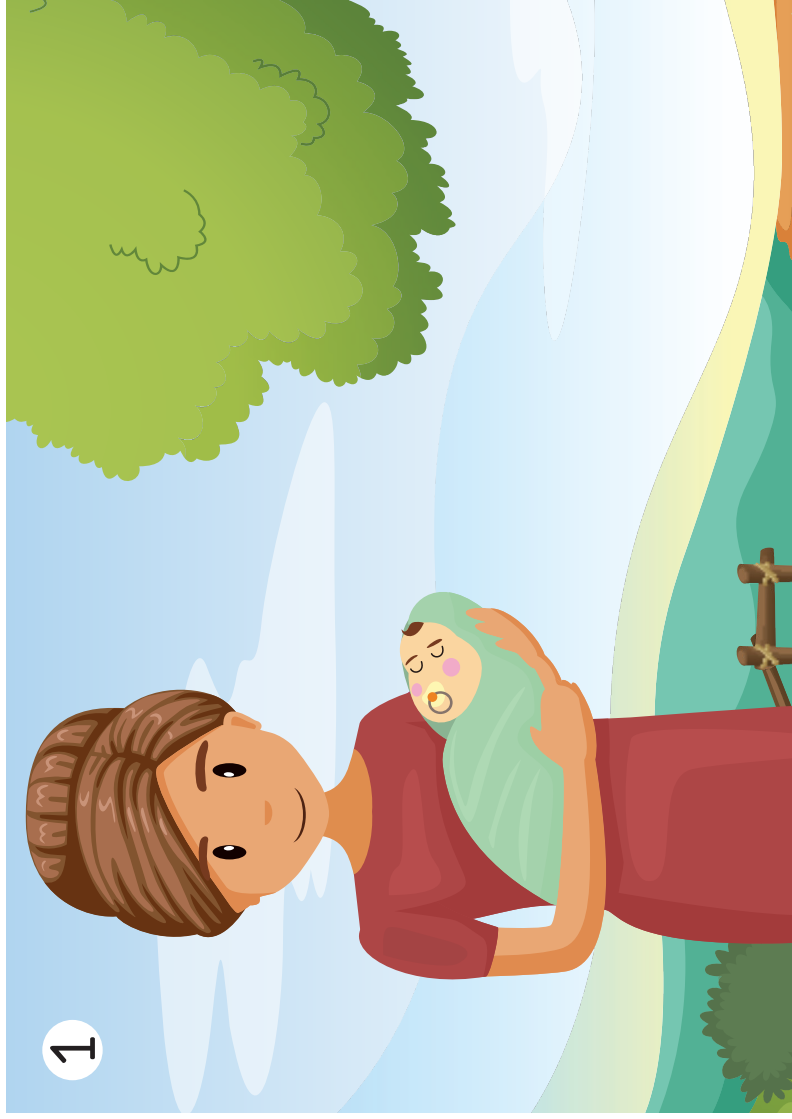
Talk about how Samuel grew (1 Samuel 2:26). Speak about how God doesn't only want us to grow physically but also spiritually.

Read how God called Samuel from 1 Samuel 3:1-21. Talk about how Samuel didn't expect God to speak to Him and thought it was Eli. Explain to your child that they are very important to God and that God wants to talk to them. Explain that God doesn't only speak to adults. Remind your child that the Bible is God's Word and that He always speaks to us when we read it.

Have your child repeat 'Here I am Lord.' Speak about how we must be careful to listen to God speaking to us and how we should respond to Him.

Pray with your child. Thank God that you can talk to Him. Ask Him to help you listen to Him.

1



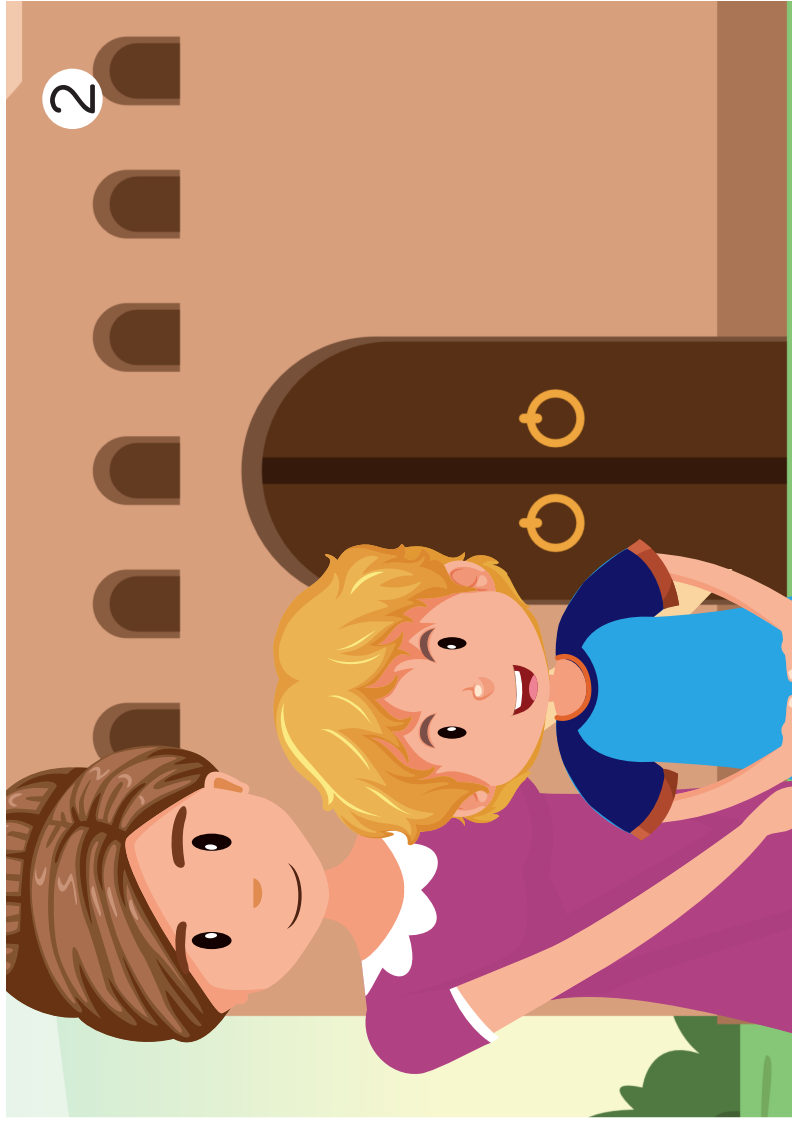
Hannah wanted a baby more than anything else.

Hannah prayed to God. Hannah said that if God gave her a son, she would give Him back to God.

God heard and answered Hannah.

God gave Hannah a baby boy. She named him Samuel.

2



Hannah looked after Samuel, and He grew.

When he was old enough, Hannah remembered her promise and took him to the temple to live.

Samuel lived and served God in the temple.



3

One night, Samuel heard someone call his name.

He got out of bed and spoke to the priest. But it was not him.

He went back to sleep but heard someone call him again. It still wasn't the priest.

Eli, the priest, told him what to do if it happens again.



4

Eli said, "Next time answer, 'Speak LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

Samuel heard His voice again. He said, "Speak LORD, for your servant is listening."

God spoke to Samuel and told him many important things.

Games and Activities

I am growing

Look at some Baby photos and talk about how your child has grown.

Measure your child's height and weight or show them old clothes.

Speak about how God helps us to grow physically and spiritually.



Telephone

Most children love talking on the telephone.

Allow them to call someone they know. Maybe grandparents or a friend.

Remind them how we can talk to God anytime through prayer.

Make a Prayer Journal

Decorate a notepad with your child and leave it in a family area.

You could glue in picture of people or missionaries your church supports. Take a few moment each day to look at it and pray for them.

Write down thank you prayer and requests throughout the week,



I am growing

Baby
Photo

Now
Photo



Weight :

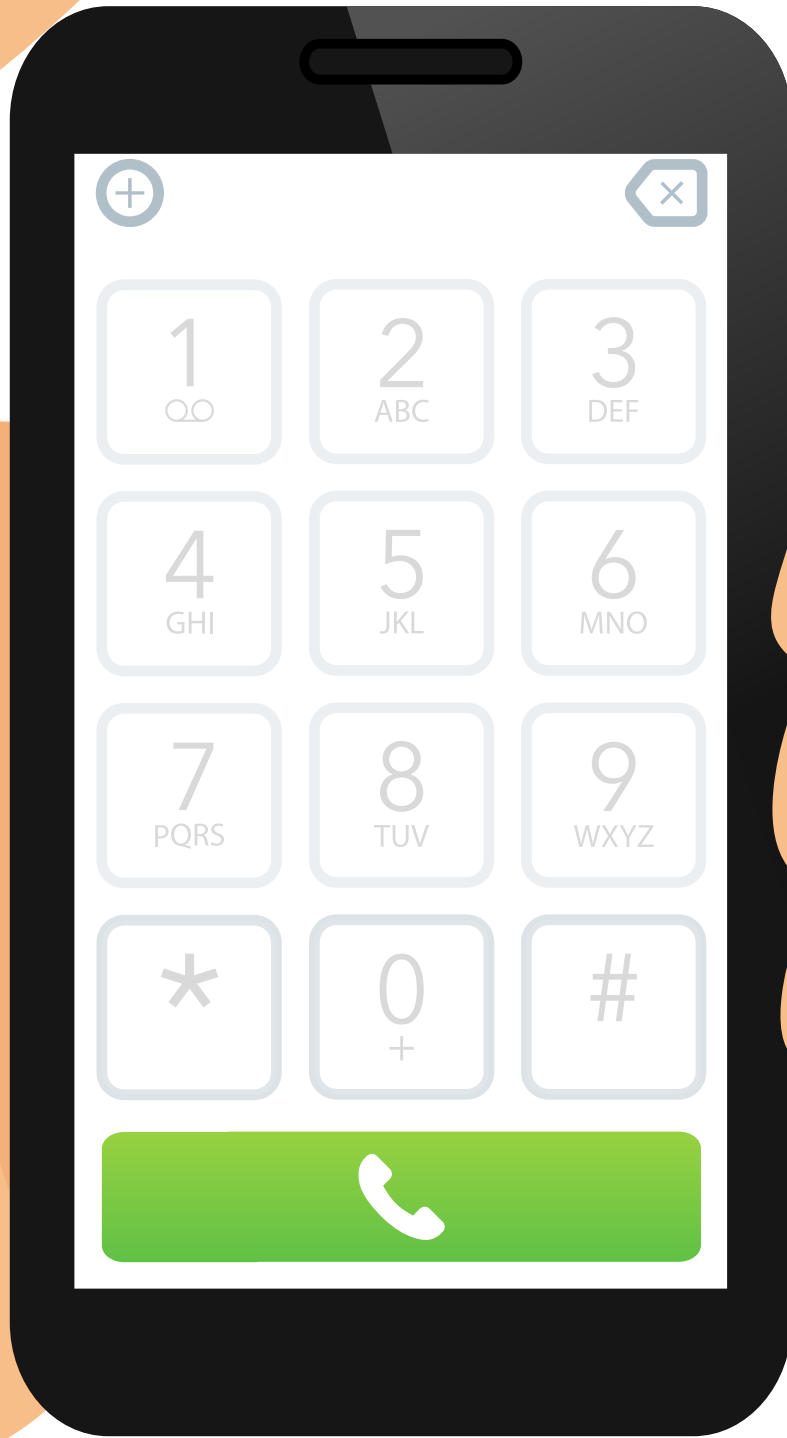
Height :



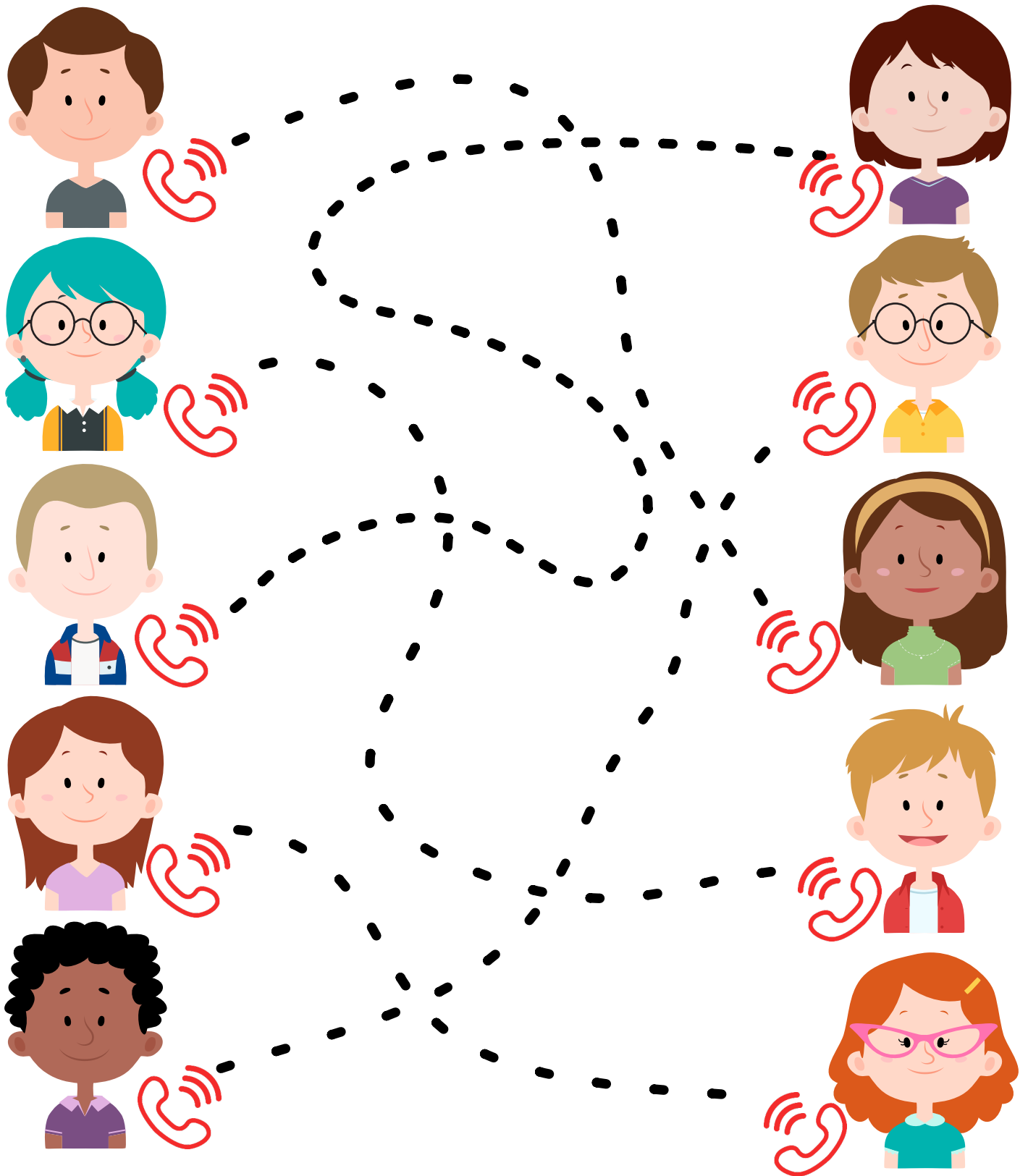
Weight :

Height :

Cut out the numbers and glue in place

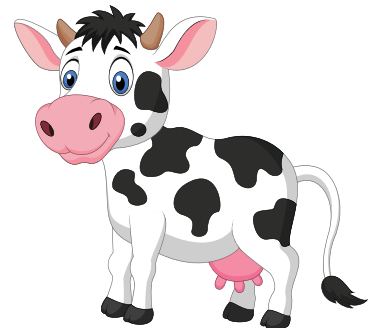


Who is talking?



Listening worksheet

Circle the sounds that you hear.



Sound effect video included in playlist:
or <https://youtu.be/XJIGmyUV3dU>



Prayer Telephones

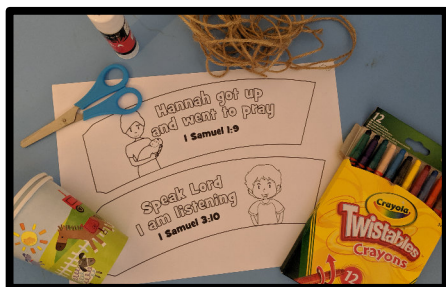
This is a great craft which also help develop STEM skills.

What you need

- 2 paper cups
- Template
- Glue
- Scissors
- Colour pencils or crayons
- String



What to do

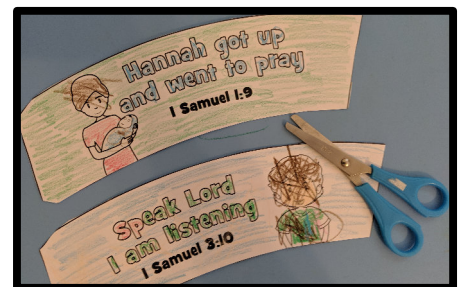


Print out the template onto card or paper.

Collect supplies



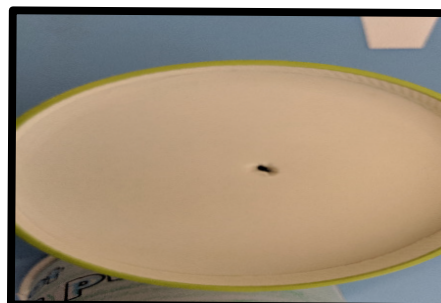
Colour in the template.



Cut out the wraps.



Glue onto paper cups.



Make a small hole in the base of each cup. Just big enough to thread through the string.

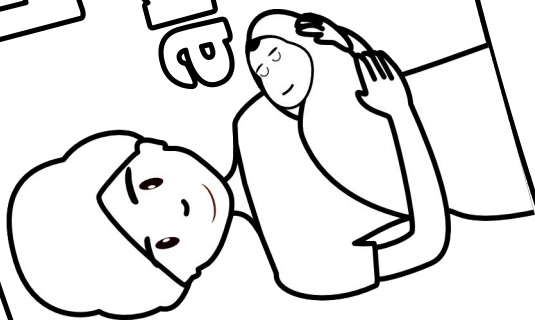


Thread through string. Tie a knot on the inside of each cup to secure the string. Cut off any extra.

To use: Make sure the string is tight. Speak into one side. Listen in the other.

Hannah got up
and went to pray

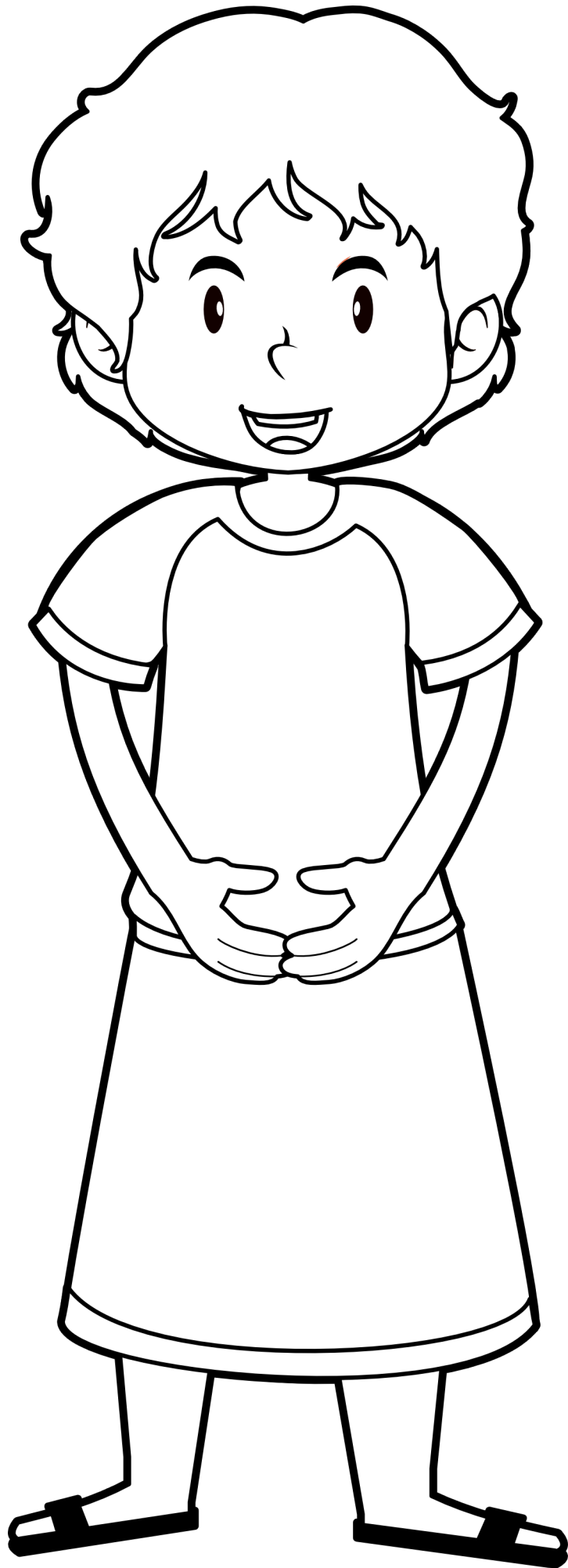
1 Samuel 1:9

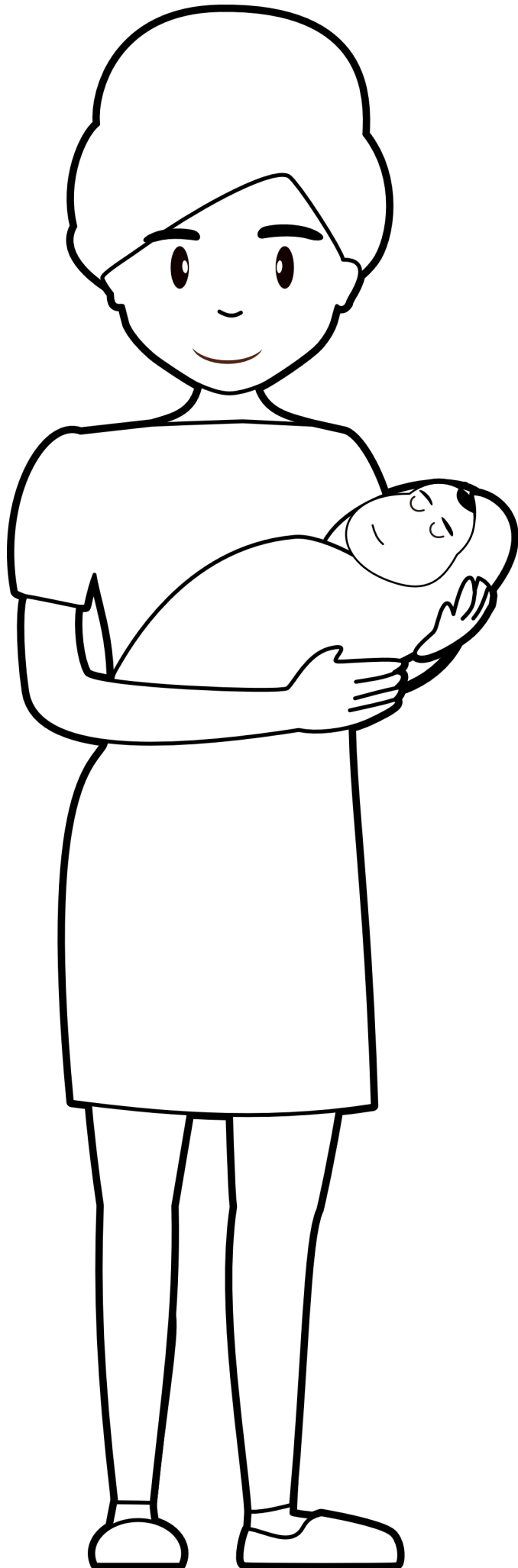


Speak Lord
I am listening

1 Samuel 3:10







Then Hannah
prayed and said:

“My
heart
rejoices
in the
Lord!”

1 Samuel 2:1

Worship Time

I Will Pray

<https://youtu.be/7ZmpWgzlZtY>

God Answers Prayer

<https://youtu.be/ABoyVKTPY5c>

Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day

<https://youtu.be/PYRyJxs9CG4>



Prayer Time

Thank God that we can talk to Him.

Ask God to help you grow in Him.

Ask God to help you keep your promises.

Next Week

King Saul

Uploaded 2nd August 2019

If you haven't already done so, sign up to receive future lesson by email.

truewaykids.com/subscribe/

