



Week 7: 1 Samuel 1:27-28a (NIV)

“I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”

Today’s new ornament is a picture of a boy named Samuel.

After Moses led the Israelites to the land that God had promised them, God’s people settled there. For hundreds of years, God blessed judges and priests to rule over their land. They built temples. A temple is a special place to pray to God. A temple is the Lord’s house. A priest named Eli and his sons take care of a temple in a place called Shiloh. It is their job to care for the temple and to pray for people and with people.

A woman named Hannah comes to Eli’s temple. Hannah is praying for a baby son. Hannah is crying. She makes a promise to God. Hannah promises that if God gives her a son, she will give her son to serve God for his whole life. Eli tells her, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

When Hannah’s baby is born, she names him Samuel. When Samuel is still a little boy, Hannah brings him to the temple to live with Eli.

One night in the temple, the little boy Samuel is sleeping near Eli. Samuel hears a voice calling him. Samuel runs to Eli, saying “Here I am, you called me.” But Eli hadn’t called, so he tells Samuel to go back to sleep. But again, Samuel hears a voice calling him. And again he runs to help Eli. And again, Eli tells Samuel he didn’t call. And Samuel goes back to sleep. A third time, Samuel hears a voice calling his name. A third time, he runs to Eli.

This time, Eli realizes that Samuel is hearing the voice of God. Eli tells Samuel “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for

your servant is listening.” And so, Eli helps Samuel learn to listen to God. Samuel will become a great priest of God’s temple.

When he grows up, Samuel helps God’s people stay free and strong. Samuel even helps God’s people find their famous king, David. All his life, Samuel belonged to God, just as his mother Hannah promised in her prayer.

### Samuel Obeyed God Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



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