

Samuel

1 Samuel 1-7



The Story

There was a man, Elkanah, who had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

One time Hannah was in the temple and prayed to the LORD for a son. Hannah promised to give that son back to the LORD so that he would live and work in the temple. She prayed in her heart but her lips were moving. Eli, the priest, thought she had drunk too much wine.

She told Eli that she had prayed to the LORD. Eli said, "Go in peace, and God grant your prayer which you have asked of Him."

Hannah's prayer was answered and she had a son, Samuel. When he was old enough to live apart from her, she brought him to Eli. Samuel was young when he went to live in the temple.

Every year Hannah would bring a new coat for Samuel. The LORD blessed Hannah with other children. Samuel grew up in the temple.

Eli had two sons who were priests. These sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were wicked and disobeyed God and cheated God's people. Eli did not try to stop these wicked sons.

One night while Eli and Samuel were sleeping the LORD called, "Samuel." Samuel ran to Eli's room and said to him, "Here I am, for you called me."

Eli said, "I did not call; lie down again." Samuel went and lay down.

Then the LORD called again two

more times and each time Samuel went into Eli.

After the third time Eli knew that the LORD had called Samuel. Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down and if the LORD calls you say, 'Speak, for Your servant hears.' "

So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

Then the LORD told Samuel that Eli and his sons would die because of they did not love God above all other things. Samuel was afraid to tell Eli. But when Samuel did tell Eli, Eli said that God would do what is best.

Samuel grew up and was a faithful prophet of God. He told God's people the words of the LORD.

The wicked sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were killed in a war with the enemy Philistines. Eli fell over and died when he heard this sad news. He was old.

God's special ark of the covenant was taken by these enemies. They soon returned it because they had become very sick and many of these enemies died.

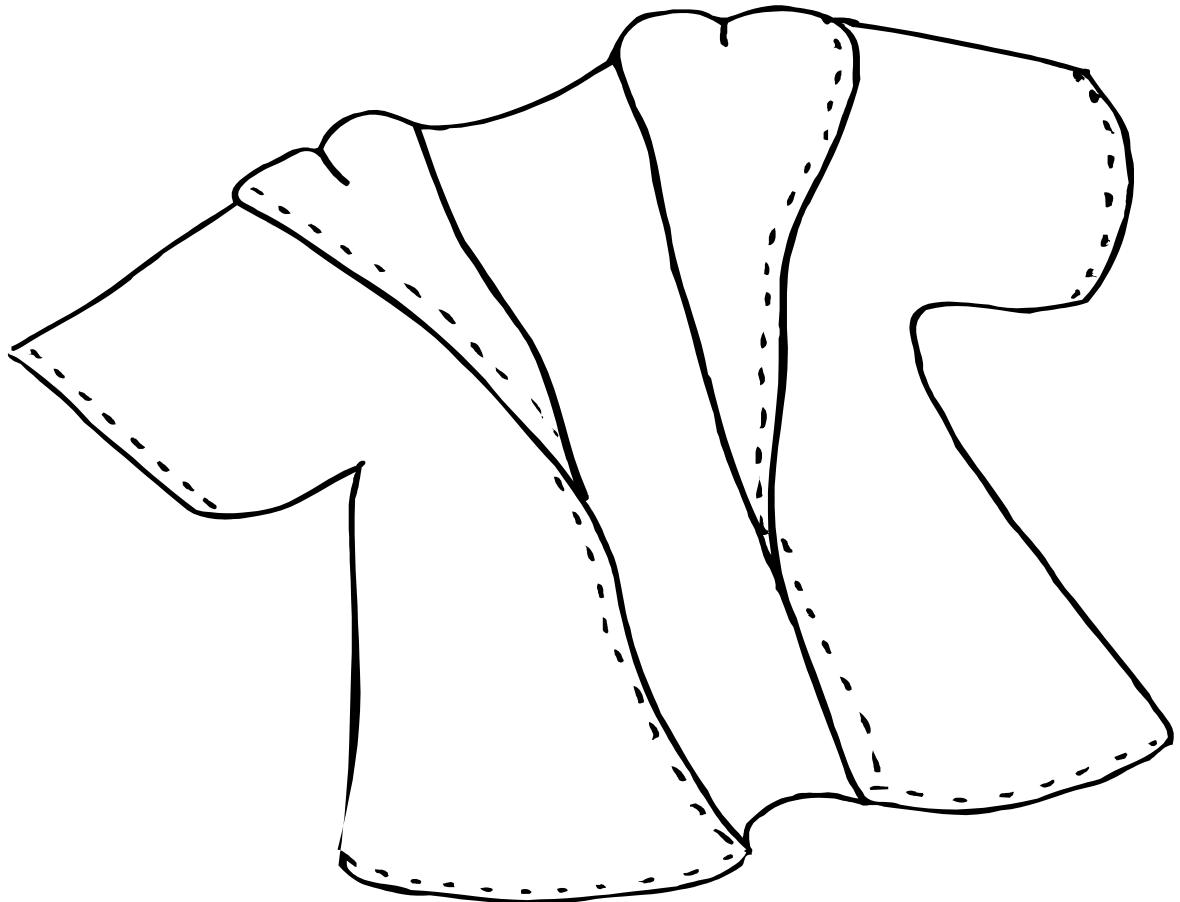
Samuel was a faithful leader of God's people. He told the people the Word of the LORD.

God provided Samuel, a spiritual leader for Israel.

Activity

One -

Decorate the coat for Samuel.



Activity Two - Draw lines to match the people to their description.

Hannah •

• the faithful prophet of God

Elkanah •

• the wicked sons of Eli

Eli •

• Samuel's mother

Samuel •

• the enemies of God's people

Hophni and Phinehas •

• the priest in the temple

Philistines •

• Samuel's father

God still provides His people with faithful spiritual leaders.

Passages - Fill in the blanks of the Bible passages with the correct words. One letter is given.

Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who h ____ the w ____ of G __ and keep it!"

God	word	hear
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Colossians 3:20 - C _____, obey your p _____ in all things, for this is well pleasing to the L ____.

Lord	parents	Children
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Hymn - TLH #296 v. 1

Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth,
To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth,
All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death's dread pow'r in me is rife;
Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor
That I cling to Thee forever.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Help me to obey my parents, pastor, teacher and all those whom You have placed over me. Thank You for dying for me and giving me my saving faith. Amen.