

Samuel

1 Samuel 1-7

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

There was a woman named Hannah who had no children. She was very sad.

One time Hannah was in the temple or church 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 the priest had two sons who were also priests. These sons 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!"

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

Then the LORD told Samuel that Eli and his sons would die because Samuel did not correct his sons when they were evil. Samuel was afraid to tell Eli. But when Samuel did tell Eli, Eli said that God would do what is best.

The wicked sons of Eli were killed in a war and Eli died when he heard this sad news.

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

Passage

Luke 11:28 - "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

Hymn - TLH #296 v. 1

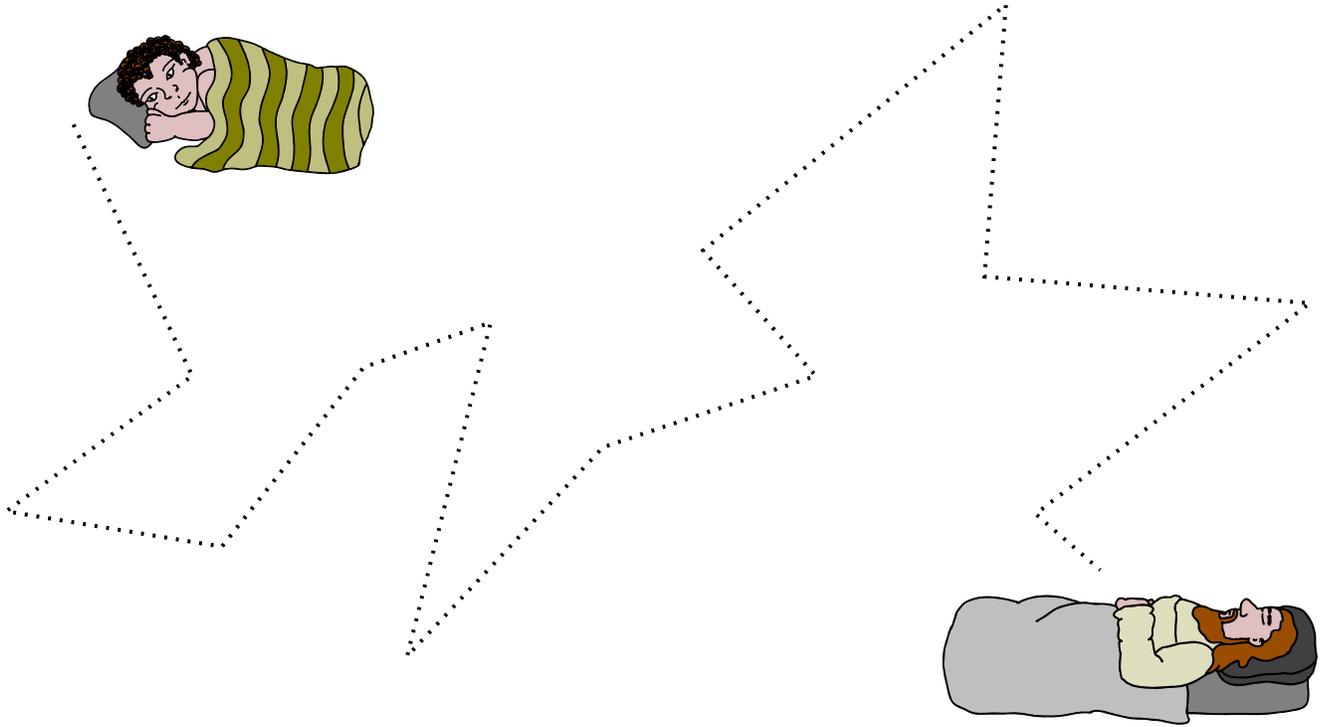
Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth,
To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth,
All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death's dread pow'r in me is rife;
Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor
That I cling to Thee forever.

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.

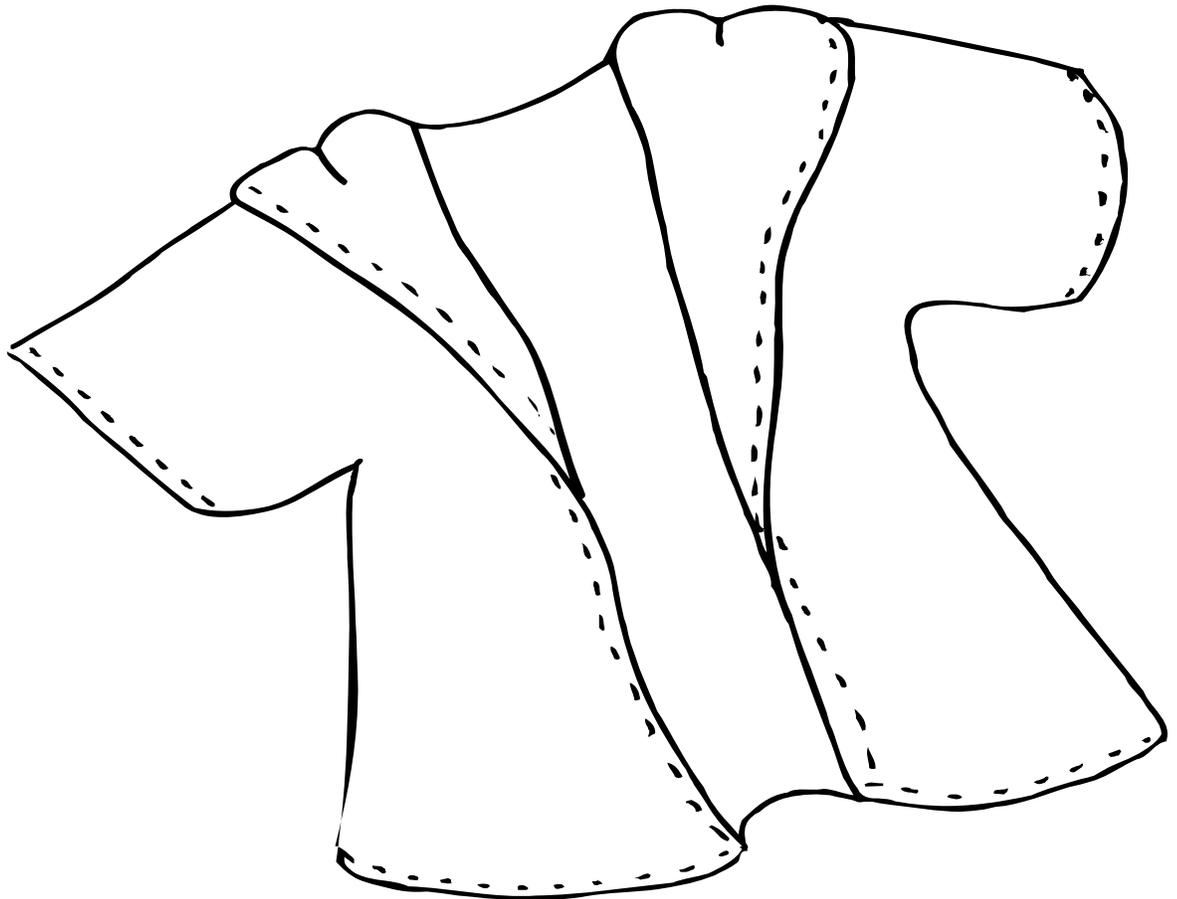


Classroom Activity - Trace the dots and help Samuel get to Eli.



Classroom Art Activity -

Decorate the coat for Samuel. You may want to enlarge the coat to fill a page.





God provided Samuel, a spiritual leader for Israel.

God still provides His people with faithful spiritual leaders.