

**Game: Master, master who am I? (Play as a family)**

Choose one person to become the 'Master' -they must cover their eyes so that they cannot see. Choose another person to approach the 'Master' quietly, disguise their voice and ask Master Master, Who Am I? If the 'Master' guesses correctly, they get another go. If they are wrong, the successful "voice" gets a turn.

**Watch:** The story of Hannah and Samuel [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvVfSeG\\_1Ts](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvVfSeG_1Ts)

**Story: 1 Samuel**

What is the greatest gift you've ever received? Why was that the greatest gift? Is it easier to give people new things, or things that have belonged to you? Is there anything you would find really difficult to give to someone else? Write or draw a few of these things on paper. It is really hard to give up things that are really important to us. We should be prepared to give God anything He requires of us. In today's story, Hannah gave God her son.

One day, Hannah sat in the temple weeping and praying to God. As she was praying, she made a promise to God. "Oh Lord," Hannah prayed, "if you will look upon me in my misery and give me a son, I will present him back to you to be your servant all the days of his life." Eli, the priest in the temple stood nearby watching Hannah. He saw her lips moving, but he didn't hear any sound coming from her mouth. He thought that Hannah was drunk! "Not so," Hannah said to Eli, "I have had nothing to drink. I was only pouring out my soul to the Lord." The priest answered Hannah, "Go in peace, and may God grant you what you have asked of him." Guess what? God did grant Hannah's request! The Bible tells us that Hannah gave birth to a son and named him Samuel. Do you know why she chose that name for her son? Because Samuel means, "asked of God." Because God heard and answered her prayer, she was faithful to keep her promise to him. When he was old enough, Hannah took Samuel to the temple and there he served the Lord by assisting Eli the priest. God is so good! He hears and answers the prayers of his people. Sometimes we make promises to God. Hannah was faithful in keeping her promise to God. Do you keep the promises you make?

**Watch:** For more about Samuel's story watch this clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P13ulsFW7OA>

**Craft: Phone cup**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hidBvt9Ai9c>

**Discussion**

Read 1 Samuel 1:27,28 and 7:15-17 and answer these questions together. You can use the cup phone to ask the question, run to find the answer in the Bible and when you have the answer say it through the cup phone.

- Why did Hannah give Samuel back to God?
- Why do you think she chose to send Samuel to the tabernacle to live - couldn't she have given him to God in any other way?
- What happened to Samuel later on in life?
- What can you learn about giving from Hannah and Samuel's example?

We can speak to one another on the phone. God spoke to Samuel directly and today He speaks to us through the Bible and prayer. We can serve God like Samuel did by learning what the Bible says about how we should live.

**Pray:**

Dear God, thank you for being faithful to me. Thank you that you hear my prayers and answering them. Help me to be faithful in keeping my promises to you. Amen.