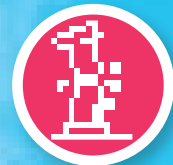


# Samson



## Gifts Galore!

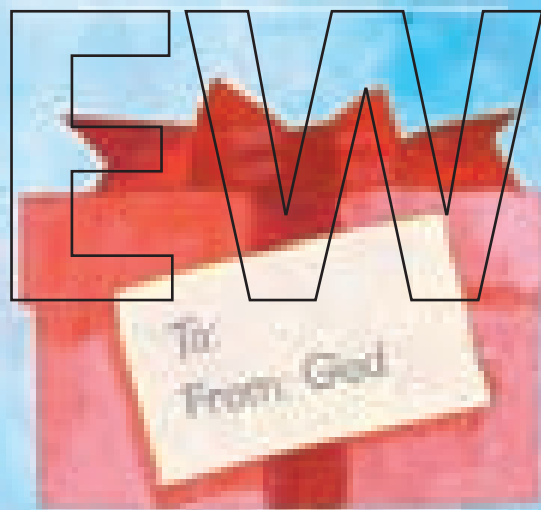
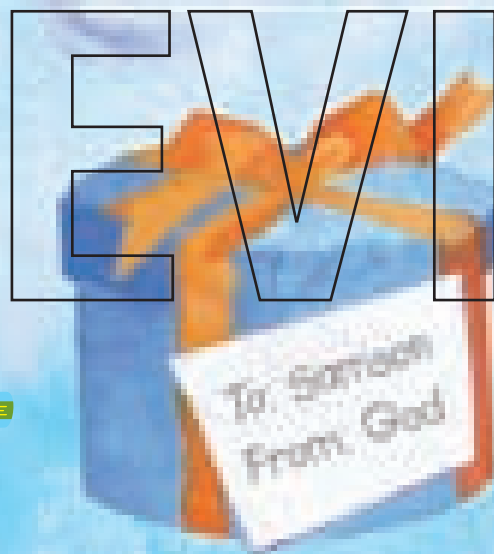
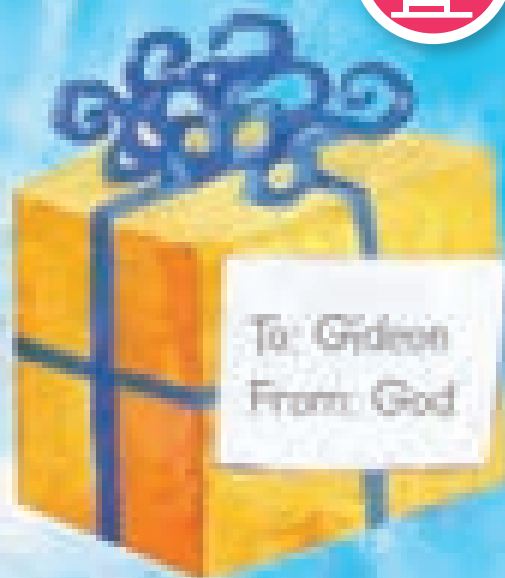
Let's think about the gifts God gives to others—and the gifts God gives to you!

Start out by naming the gifts God gave to Deborah, Gideon, and Samson. (Choose from these: strength, bravery, mighty warrior.)

Write the correct gift on the line under that person's gift box.

Then write your name on one of the cards. On the others, write the names of family members or friends.

On the line underneath each gift box, write the word that best describes the special gift that person has. It might be cooking, kindness, playing ball, reading, or ...?



## On the Way Home

**Hey kids!** Look at the gifts on this page.

They are only a few of the gifts God gives people so they can serve God and others.

Follow the instructions and fill in the cards.



# God Makes Samson Strong

Based on Judges 13-16


1. Once again, God's people forgot God and worshiped idols. So God sent the Philistines to pester them.

God also chose Samson to be a judge and rescue the Israelites. God gave Samson great strength—he even killed a lion with his bare hands!

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2. God was disappointed when Samson fell in love with Delilah, a Philistine woman who didn't obey or love God. But God still gave Samson strength. One time Samson pulled gates right out of the ground and carried them up a hill. Another time he killed one thousand Philistines with an old bone! That made the Philistines furious! They were determined to find out why he was so strong. They asked Delilah to find out for them.

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- The background of the page is a colorful illustration. The top half shows a scene from the Bible where Delilah, a woman with long red hair, is cutting Samson's hair while he sleeps. She is holding a pair of scissors. Samson is lying on a bed, looking unconscious. In the background, there are mountains, a crescent moon, and stars. A fire is burning in a small structure on the right. The bottom half of the illustration shows Samson, now with short hair, pushing against two large yellow pillars. He is wearing a purple tunic and orange shorts. The pillars are crumbling under his strength. Other people are visible in the background, some running and some looking on in shock.
3. Delilah whined and begged, trying to get Samson to tell why he was so strong. At last Samson told her the secret—God told him and his parents that he must never cut his hair. It was a way of showing that God had given Samson special work to do—and special strength to do it. One night, as Samson slept, his enemies came and cut his hair. When Delilah woke him up, his strength was gone.

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4. The Philistines carried Samson away to be their slave. But one day, Samson asked God to make him strong again and use him to help God's people. He pushed on two giant pillars that held up the building—and the building came crashing down, killing the Philistines!

# Riddle Review

**Hey kids! Draw a line from each riddle to its answer.**

Time after time,  
God's people forgot—  
and bowed down to this,  
though they knew they  
should not!

A victory for me and my  
men—just a few—  
with a pitcher, a torch,  
and a trumpet sound too.

God chose me to help  
him because I was brave,  
I led Sisera's army  
To a watery grave.

I fought a thousand  
Philistines alone.  
My only weapon?  
A dried-up old bone!

We tried to catch Samson,  
then sat down to wait.  
But Samson just walked off  
with our city gate!

Samson, wake up!  
Samson, beware!  
You told me your secret—  
now look at your hair!



Samson



Gideon



Deborah



Delilah



an idol



Philistine

PREVIEW

**Memory**



**Challenge:**

**Psalms 46:1-2**

**Dear Family:**

**Ask your child** to tell you the exciting story of Samson and the strength God gave him. Talk together about ways God can also use each of you to serve others. For more follow-up activities, read God's Big Story card #38.

# Ruth



**Hey kids!** There are oodles and oodles of different kinds of families.

God's family is made up of all the people who belong to God.

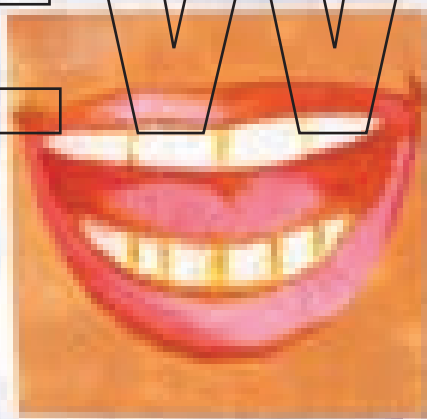
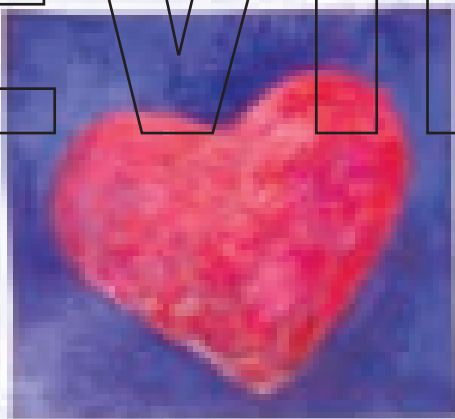
God's family members show kindness to others.

How can you show kindness using your heart, feet, hands, and mouth?

Write your answer on the line below each picture.



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## On the Way Home

Around this page you'll see foods that belong to the fruit or vegetable family.

Put a **circle** around the fruits and a **square** around the veggies.

**Here's a challenge! This week, be sure to do some of the kind things you wrote above!**



## Hey Kids!

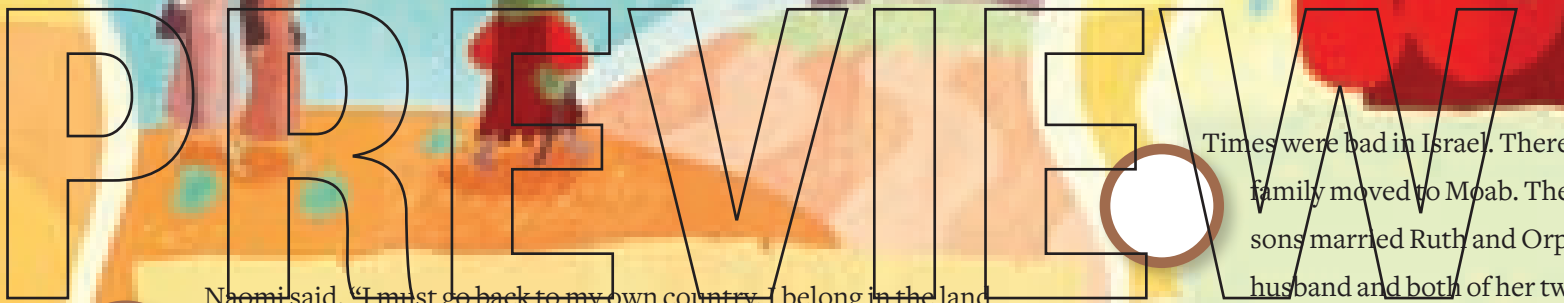
This story needs an expert. It needs you!

Things are out of order, and some of the names are missing. Put the story in the right order by putting numbers in the empty circles. Then fill in the missing names: Naomi, Ruth, Orpah, or Boaz.

When you're done, read the story. Thanks for your help!

# God's Fam

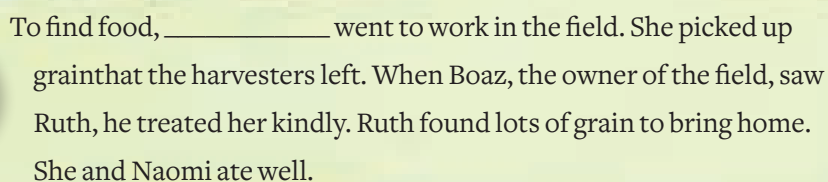
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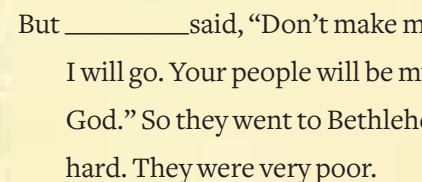
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Naomi said, "I must go back to my own country. I belong in the land of God's people." So \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ packed their things too. The three of them started out for Bethlehem.

Times were bad in Israel. There \_\_\_\_\_ family moved to Moab. The \_\_\_\_\_ sons married Ruth and Orpah \_\_\_\_\_ husband and both of her two



To find food, \_\_\_\_\_ went to work in the field. She picked up grain that the harvesters left. When Boaz, the owner of the field, saw Ruth, he treated her kindly. Ruth found lots of grain to bring home. She and Naomi ate well.



But \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Don't make me \_\_\_\_\_ I will go. Your people will be \_\_\_\_\_ God." So they went to Bethlehem \_\_\_\_\_ hard. They were very poor.

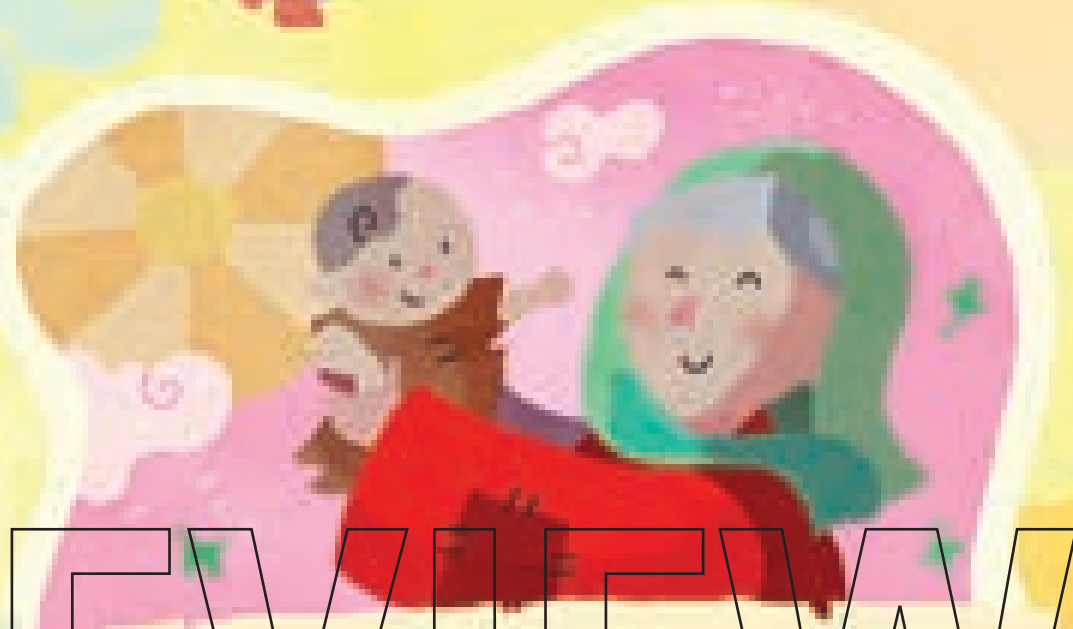
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# Family Gets Bigger

on the book of Ruth



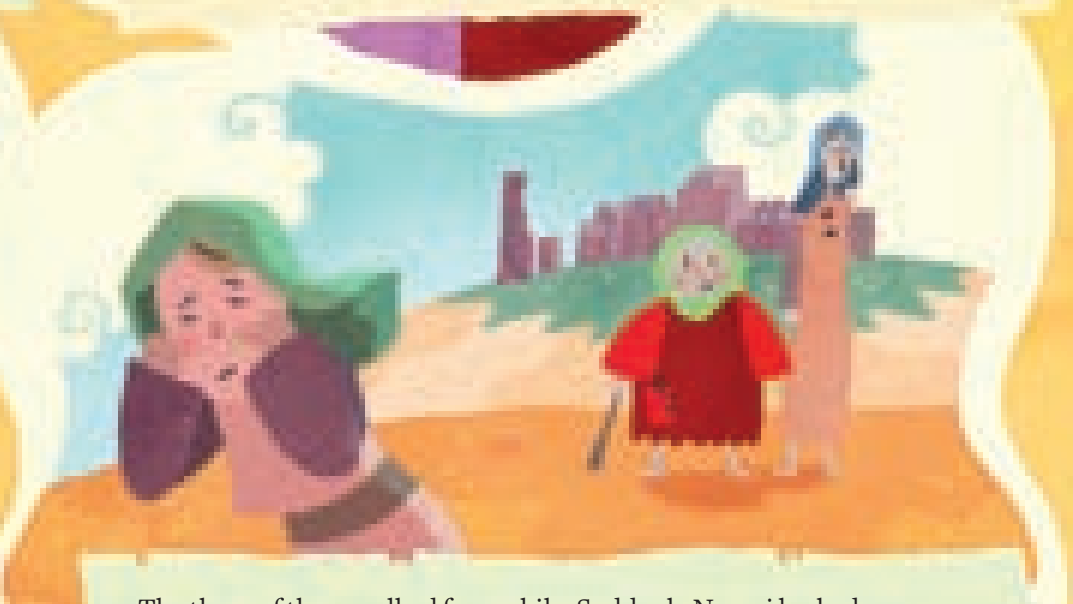
There was no food! So \_\_\_\_\_ and her \_\_\_\_\_  
There was lots of food there, and Naomi's \_\_\_\_\_  
Moab. Things were going well until Naomi's \_\_\_\_\_  
two sons died. Naomi's heart was broken!



After the harvest, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were married. God  
blessed them with a baby boy. They named him Obed, which means  
“servant of the Lord.” Naomi held her grandchild and said, “You  
belong to God, my child. Praise the Lord—this family belongs to God!”



\_\_\_\_\_ leave you. Wherever you go,  
\_\_\_\_\_ people. Your God will be my  
\_\_\_\_\_ them together, but their lives were



The three of them walked for a while. Suddenly Naomi looked  
back. She said to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, “You go  
back to Moab, to your families and friends.” With tears in her  
eyes, Orpah turned and headed back to Moab.

**Oops!** Here's more trouble that needs fixing!  
Someone didn't know the difference between  
vowels and numbers! Please fix the puzzle to  
discover what Ruth said to Naomi. Then find  
these same words in the story on pages 2 and 3.  
Underline them.

1	2	3	4	5	6
A	E	I	O	U	Y

Y 4 5 R

P 2 4 P L 2

S H 1 L L

B 2 M 6

P 2 4 P L 2

1 N D Y 4 5 R

G 4 D M 6

G 4 D .

Memory



Challenge:

Psalms 46:1-2

**Dear Family:**

**Today your child heard** the story of Ruth, the woman from Moab who became one of God's children. We talked about what it means to belong to God. And we also recalled the kindness of Ruth and Boaz—the sort of kindness that comes from being children of God.

**Continue that conversation** as you talk about how your family might reflect your love for God by showing kindness to others.

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# Hannah



David's dad lost his job. It was hard on the whole family. David wondered why God wasn't listening to their prayers. Dad said, "Just keep trusting God." A few weeks later a man called and told his dad that he might have a job for him in a month or so.

- What answer does God seem to be giving to this family's prayers?
- How could David pray, now that his dad had gotten this news?



One day Sally's puppy was hit by a car. Sally asked God to please keep Taffy alive. But even though mom and Sally rushed Taffy to the animal hospital, Taffy died.

- Have you ever had a parent say *no* when you've asked for something?
- Do you always understand why a parent would say *no*?
- Is it all right to be sad when God says *no* to our prayers?
- Does God still love us even though God says *no* to some of our prayers?

## On the Way Home

Hey kids!

Talk about prayer with someone on the way home.

Read the stories on this page and the BIG questions at the end of each.

Share your thoughts about each question.



Miguel felt sorry for the earthquake victims. Many people had lost their homes, food, clothes—everything! Miguel prayed, asking God to help the people. When Miguel's church decided to collect money and clothes for the people, Miguel thought about what he could do.

- Could God use Miguel and others to help answer *yes* to Miguel's prayer?
- What could Miguel do?
- Does God sometimes use a lot of people to answer certain prayers?



# Hannah's

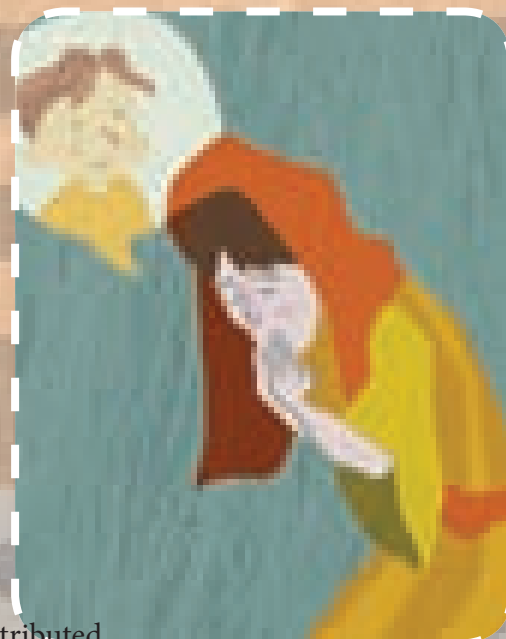
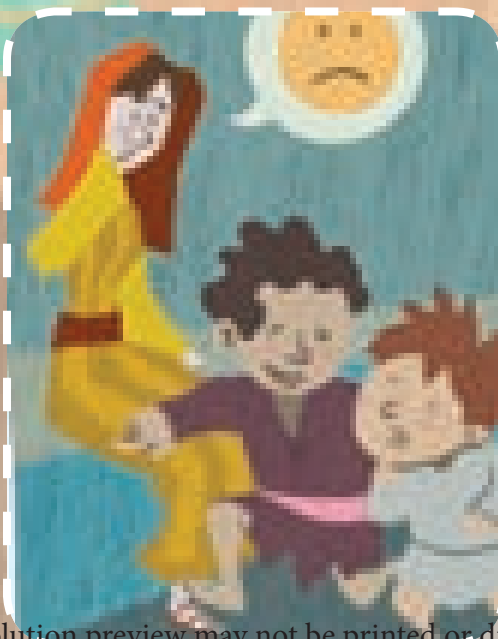
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**Hey Kids!** It's your turn to put in the pictures. Cut them from the bottom of the page and glue them onto the picture spaces. Make sure the picture fits the words of the story!

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1. More than anything else in the world, Hannah wanted a child. Her husband, Elkanah, had another wife with children. This woman was mean to Hannah and teased her because she had no children. Poor Hannah! Every day she cried with a broken heart.

2. Hannah's husband, Elkanah, loved her very much. He tried to comfort her. But nothing he did could make Hannah happy. One day Elkanah took his family to the temple to celebrate. But it wasn't a happy time for Hannah. She saw all the happy children there. This made her want a baby of her own even more.



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Samuel 1:1-2:10

4. Eli, the priest, watched Hannah. He asked if she was drunk.

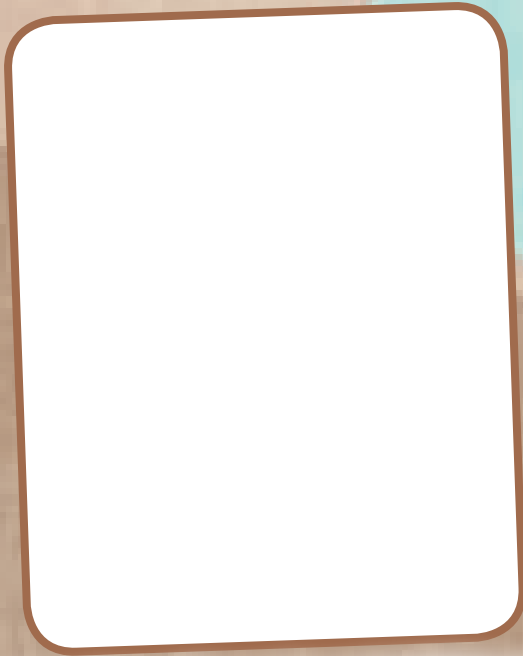
She said to Eli, "Oh, no, sir! Please don't think I'm drunk. I've been praying to the Lord about my sadness."

Eli answered, "Well then, go in peace. And may God give you what you have asked." As she left the temple, Hannah's heart felt happy. She knew that God had listened to her prayer. And she knew that she belonged to God.

3. Very quietly, Hannah left the others. She found a quiet corner in the temple. She knelt down. Moving her lips without speaking aloud, she prayed. "Oh Lord, I am your servant. If only you will give me a son, I will give him back to you. He will serve you all his life."

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5. Hannah was right, you know. God *did* listen to her prayer. And God said *yes* to her prayer for a child. Before long, Hannah had a precious baby boy. She cried great tears of joy and praised God. She named her baby Samuel. It means, "God has heard."

6. Hannah didn't forget her promise. When Samuel was a young boy, she brought him to the temple. "Do you remember me?" she asked Eli. "I am the woman you saw praying for a son. This is little Samuel—God's answer to my prayer. Now I want to give him back to the Lord. Samuel will work for God his whole life!"

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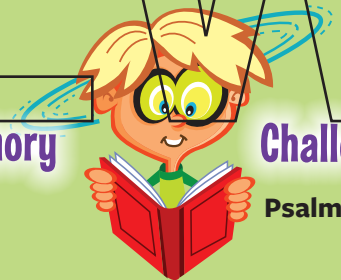
## Dear Family:

Talk with your child about how God answered Hannah's prayer and about the different ways God has answered your prayers. Teach your child to trust God regardless of the answers.

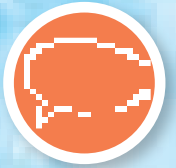
## Memory

## Challenge:

Psalms 46:1-2



# Samuel



*Do not lie to each other*

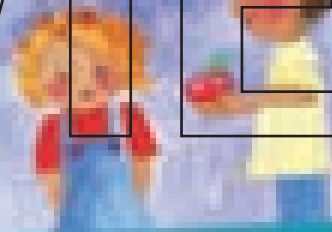


*Be kind... to one another,  
forgiving each other*



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*Blessed is the one  
who is kind to the needy*



*Children, obey your parents*



*Love your neighbor  
as yourself*



## On the Way Home

### Calling All Storytellers!

It's your turn to tell the stories.

Read some of God's messages to us.

Make up a very short story about how someone *obeys* or *disobeys* each message.

Ask someone who is traveling with you to make up the story with you. This low-resolution preview may not be printed or distributed.

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*Even before he was born, Samuel's mother knew he would be a prophet. When Samuel was very small, she brought him to the temple and gave him to Eli, the priest. One night a strange sound woke Eli, calling his name.*

I wonder who's calling me. It must be Eli.

*Samuel climbed out of bed and ran to find Eli. Perhaps it was Eli calling him.*

Here I am, Eli. You called me.

No, my child. I did not call. Go back to sleep.

*Samuel obeyed. But again he heard his name.*

Samuel! Samuel!

What's happening? It *must* be Eli.

*Eli looked surprised when Samuel came into his room.*

No, Samuel. I didn't call you, my child. Go back to bed.

*Again Samuel obeyed. Can you imagine his surprise when he heard the sound again?*

Samuel! Samuel!

*Samuel ran to find Eli. And this time Eli knew that it was God calling him.*

# God Calls

## Samuel

Based on 1 Samuel 3

GOD

GOD

*ould be a child of God.  
temple. He lived there and  
e Samuel up—someone was*



Go and lie down, Samuel. If he calls you, say “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

*Samuel obeyed. And again he heard his name.*

**GOD**



Samuel! Samuel!

*ps Eli needed help.*



Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

**GOD**

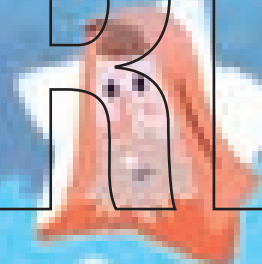


Eli’s sons do not obey me. And Eli doesn’t punish them when they disobey. I will punish Eli and his sons. They will no longer be my priests.

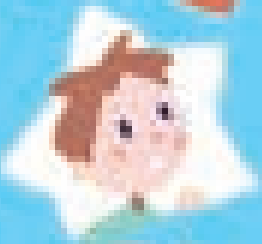
*Samuel could not go back to sleep. He felt sad. How could he tell Eli what God had said? Surely Eli would ask him in the morning.*

Good morning, Samuel.

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Good morning, Eli. Here I am.



*n again.*



What did the Lord say to you? Do not hide it from me.

*l.*



*when he heard the sound*

Oh, Eli, your sons have not listened to God. They have not obeyed. And God told me that your family will not be priests any longer.

*God who was calling Samuel.*

*Samuel told Eli all that God had said. And before long, everything happened just as God had told Samuel. But the Lord was with Samuel. And when young Samuel grew up, God made him the judge over the people.*

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# A Read-Aloud Prayer

**Reader:** When you speak to us through the wonderful world you've created,

**Children:** Lord, we will listen!

**Reader:** When you use music and songs to tell us about your greatness,

**Children:** Lord, we will listen!

**Reader:** When you use other people to speak your words to us,

**Children:** Lord, we will listen!

**Reader:** When you talk to us through the Bible,

**Children:** Lord, we will listen!

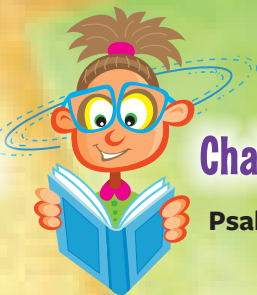
**Reader:** When you speak to us,

**Children:** Lord, we will listen and obey!

**All:** Amen.

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**Memory**



**Challenge:**

**Psalms 46:1-2**

## Dear Family:

**Today your child heard** the story of how God spoke to Samuel and how Samuel listened and obeyed God's voice. We talked about the ways God also speaks to us. See how many you and your child can name. The story drama on pages 2 and 3 would be great to use for the retelling activity on God's Big Story card #42.



Saul

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## On the Way Home

**Hey Kids!** You are a famous artist known throughout the world. You have been asked by a famous art gallery in Paris, France, to create a picture for their next art show. The title of your picture is **The Lord God Rules the World!** Draw it in the frame on this page.

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## Instructions

**You'll need two or three players. Each one needs a game marker.**

The person wearing the darkest colored shirt begins by placing her marker on the first space near Samuel's house.

She follows the instructions for what to do on the space for that number and color.

The colors on the path match the story symbol colors along the bottom of the game board, so you'll know to which story they belong.

Then the next player begins by starting on space 2 and following the instructions for that space.

When the next round begins, the first player jumps over the second player and lands on the third space.

Then the second player hops over to the fourth space, etc.

The game continues until both players reach the palace.

Celebrate arriving at the palace by making up and doing a special handshake for the King.

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## Samson



## Ruth



## Hannah





## What to Do on the Spaces

- #1: Name the people in the story.
- #2: Tell a very short version of the story.
- #3: Tell one thing you wonder about in the story.
- #4: What does this story show you about God?
- #5: Which person in the story would you choose to be? Tell why.

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Samuel

Saul

# God Picks a King

Based on 1 Samuel 8-10

When Samuel was older, the people came to him and demanded a king. Samuel was upset. He thought the people no longer wanted him to be their leader. So Samuel prayed to God.

God told Samuel, "It isn't *you* the people don't want. It's *me*, because I am the one who has always been their King. But give the people what they want. Tomorrow I will send a man to you. He will be king over my people."

Just as God promised, a young man named Saul came to see Samuel. "Please help me find my donkeys," Saul said. But Samuel said, "Don't worry about your donkeys. They've been found. But I have something important to say. You are the one all Israel wants for their king!"

Saul was shocked. "Me? A king? I'm not an important person." But Samuel knew that God had chosen Saul to be the king of Israel.

Samuel held a big dinner for Saul. Samuel poured perfumed oil on Saul's head to show that God wanted him to be the new king.

Soon after that, Samuel called the people together to meet the king God had chosen. But Saul was missing! The people found him hiding among the supplies. When they finally saw Saul, they said, "What a fine king he will make! Long live our king!"

Samuel wrote down God's rules for the king so everyone would remember them:

1. The real King over everything is the Lord God.
2. The earthly king must obey God and follow God's ways.

## Dear Family:

**Today your child learned** how God provided Israel with the king they demanded. We prayed for our leaders and praised God for being the true King of the world. Use the prayer guide your child brought home to name leaders your child knows and to pray that God will lead them.

Memory



Challenge:

Psalm 46:1-2





Wonder

Year 2, Unit 6, Session 6

show and share

When David came, Samuel was surprised! David was just a young boy! But the Lord said to Samuel, “He is the one! I want you to anoint David to be the new king of my people.”

Samuel obeyed because he knew now that David was more than just a young shepherd boy. God chose David because he had the heart of a great and good king! So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David to be the next king of God’s people.

# A New King for God’s People

Based on 1 Samuel 16

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Samuel was sad. King Saul had not turned out to be a good king. He didn’t obey God. Samuel wondered what would happen to God’s people. Who would lead them? As Samuel sat there thinking, God came to him and said, “Take some perfumed oil and go to Bethlehem. One of Jesse’s sons will be the new king.”



# God's Growing Kingdom

We are all part of God's great kingdom, and God loves each one of us so much!

# PREVIEW

# PREVIEW

## Dear Family:

**Be sure to ask** your child to tell you the story of David. Talk together about what God sees when he looks at each person in your family. Reinforce the idea that God looks at our hearts! Encourage your child to hang up this poster in his or her room as a reminder to pray for the kids in the group who are also part of God's great kingdom.







Samuel obeyed. He called the people of Bethlehem to worship God. Jesse came with his fine-looking family. Jesse's oldest son was tall and handsome. Samuel thought, "Surely he must be the new king." But God said to Samuel, "It doesn't matter how tall and handsome he is, he isn't the one. I don't look at people the way you do. You look at the outside, but I look at the heart."

# PREVIEW

One by one Jesse's sons walked before Samuel. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven . . . but each time Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one."

Samuel asked Jesse if he had another son. Jesse said, "Well, yes. I do have another young son, but he's off taking care of the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him at once!"