

**St David's Anglican Parish of Burnside
Children's Church**

Activities

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Keeping our promises to God

Hannah

**greatly distressed
prayed to the Lord**

and wept bitterly



1 Samuel 1:10

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Scripture

1 Samuel 1:11 (NIV)

And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life."

This Bible story is about a woman whose name was Hannah. Her name means "God is gracious." Hannah must have sometimes wondered why she was given that name, because it seemed that God had denied her the one thing she wanted more than anything in the world -- a 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."

God did grant Hannah's request! The Bible tells us that Hannah gave birth to a son and named him Samuel. 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 good! He hears and answers the prayers of his people. Sometimes we make promises to God. We, like Hannah, need to be faithful in keeping our promises to God.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have been faithful to hear and answer our prayers. Help us to be faithful in keeping our promises to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hannah Prays for a Son

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



The Birth of Samuel

In bitterness of soul _____ wept much and _____ to the _____. And she made a _____, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and _____ me, and not forget your servant but give her a _____, then I will give him to the LORD for all the _____ of his _____, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him _____, saying, "Because I _____ the LORD for him."

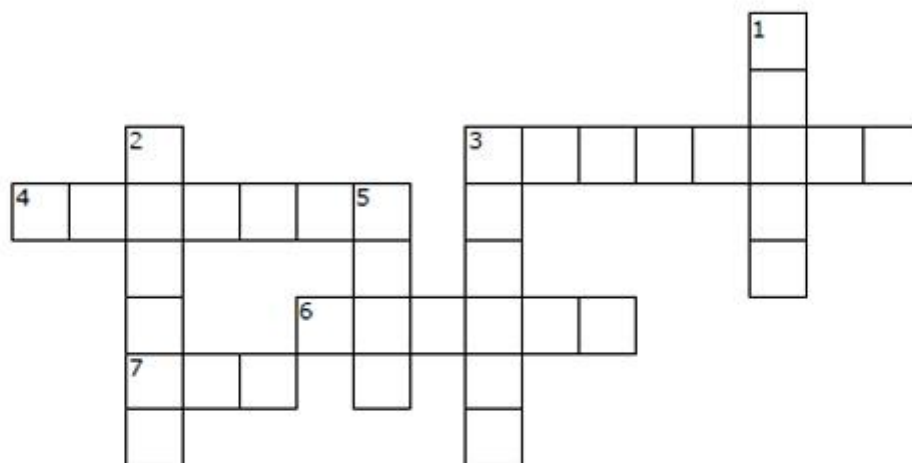
1 Samuel 1:11,20 (NIV)

asked	Hannah	LORD	remember	son
days	life	prayed	Samuel	vow

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3. Young people between birth and teenage years
4. The love, devotion, and adoration shown to God
6. The members of a household; parents and their children
7. Unhappy or sorrowful

DOWN

1. The process of giving life to a child
2. A person who has authority to conduct religious ceremonies
3. Shedding tears, usually accompanied by sobs
5. To make a request to God

children	pray	birth	family
crying	sad	priest	worship



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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

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worship	crying	prayer	priest	family
children	answer	give	morning	birth

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Words are taken from 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (NIV).

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answer	family	Lord	priest	sorrow
birth	fun	morning	sad	wicked
children	give	peace	Samuel	wine
crying	Hannah	prayer	son	worship