



LITTLE TOTS

@HOME LESSONS

LITTLE LEARNERS FAITH FORMATION

Topic: **Hannah & Samuel**

Scripture Reference: **1 Samuel: 3**



Read the story about a mother named Hannah and her son, Samuel in your Story Bible.

Explore the Story with Infants

Hold your baby like Hannah does in the picture. Smile at each other. Give kisses. Talk to your baby about

God answering prayers. And remember to listen to your baby's responses!

Explore the Story with Toddlers on the Move

Pretend to snuggle up for a good night's sleep. Gently call your child's name. Then sit up and say, "Speak Lord. I am listening." Repeat many times.

Explore the Story with Talkative Toddlers

Ask these questions and encourage toddlers to respond:

- Point to the mother in the story. Samuel's mother prayed to God. Let's see how you pray to God.
- Point to Samuel on each page. Where is he a baby?
- Where is he a kid?
- Samuel spoke to God. What did Samuel say?
- Samuel listened with his ears. Show me your listening ears!
- What did God say about Jesus?

Time to explore! Time to play! Let's all Learn with God today.



Let's Color Together.....For Toddlers

Supplies: Coloring Page, crayons, and blank paper

Caregivers, while you do this . . .

Encourage your child to color the images of Hannah & Samuel. This activity supports **coloring skills**.

Your child is learning this...

- When I color, I develop my fine motor skills.
- I also learn the names of colors.
- **When I color pictures of Samuel, I remember God calls kids to serve.**



Bible Verse

"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'"

—1 Samuel 3:10



Today's Ritual

Sing to the tune of "Are You Sleeping."

God is talking. (Cup hands around mouth.)

I am listening. (Cup hands around ears.)

Yes, I am. Yes, I am. (Nod.)

I can be God's servant. (Hold arms up.)

I can be God's servant. (Hold hands out.)

Hear God's call. Hear God's call. (Cup hands around ears.)



Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you the unexpected moments in my parenting journey. Be with _____.
I ask for your presence and guidance as we gather here today.
Amen.

Cleaner-Upper Club.....*For Toddlers*

Supplies: Damp sponges/child size cleaning supplies and pick a room or a few items to clean.

This activity supports **physical development**.

Caregivers, while you do this . . .

Scrub the table. Get it clean! Say, "Samuel served Eli. Our _____ (pick a room) needs cleaning. **We can serve by cleaning!**" While scrubbing, have fun singing songs together.

Your child is learning this...

- When I scrub, I use my hands and arms.
- **When I scrub, I serve my church community and I serve God.**

Little Listening Ears.....*For Infants & Toddlers*

Supplies: Toddler rhythm instruments

This activity **listening**.

Caregivers, while you do this . . .

Together with your child, listen to the different sounds of the instruments. Give each sound a descriptive word such as "quiet," "gentle," or "loud."

Your child is learning this...

- When I experiment with sounds, I am learning to listen.
- **When I listen, I am getting ready to hear God's call.**

Samuel's Star Light.....*For Older Infants and Toddlers*

Supplies: White toddler crayons and large pieces of dark blue construction paper.

This activity supports **creativity** and **language development**

Caregivers, while you do this . . .

Together make a nighttime sky to hang by your child's crib or bed like Samuel's window in our story today. Hold a crayon and place a crayon in your child's fist. Tap the crayon on the paper to make tiny white stars. Cover the paper with stars while talking about today's story.

Your child is learning this...

- Making marks on paper shows me that I can create pictures of my world.
- **Our story today teaches me that God can speak to me during sleeping time**

Play time is over For you and me. Let's finish in Prayer. One two three!

SEND

This story is important because it shows that grown-ups are not the only ones who can serve. Children can serve God. When Samuel was born, his mother, Hannah, taught him about serving God. Each of you can serve God too! Point to each child in the room as you say, "[Child's name], you can serve God."

PRAY

Dear God,
Speak to me. I am listening.
Amen.

Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, I am listening!"
As Samuel grew, he served God.

