

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Mothers are important.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Samuel 1
1 Samuel 2
1 Samuel 3
Hebrews 11:32-38
1 Samuel 12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1 Samuel 1

What is the purpose of worship and sacrifice?
What was the source of Hannah's bitterness?
How would you describe Peninnah's spiritual condition?
What was Elkanah's proposed solution to Hannah's bitterness?
What did Hannah do about her bitterness?
How did Hannah's behavior change in 1:18? Why?
What can a mother do to prepare a 2-3 year old to serve God?

1 Samuel 2:3-10

What does this song say about pride (v3, 9) and God's sovereignty (v6-10)?
What if Hannah had remained childless after her prayer in 1:11? Would this change Hannah's song of chapter 2?

1 Samuel 3:11-20

Why was Samuel afraid in v15?
What characteristics might Samuel have learned from his mother which led him to become such a mighty servant of the Lord?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for release from bitterness.
Ask God to show you how to be fulfilled in Him.
Pray that your faith will have a big and lasting impact on others.
Thank God for your family and His family.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ 1 SAMUEL 1:1-8

What was Hannah's life like?
What was Peninnah like?
What was Elkanah like?
Draw your "family tree".

READ 1 SAMUEL 1:9-18

What did Hannah ask God for?
What promise did she make to God?
Why did Eli think she was drunk?
Why did Hannah stop crying?
Draw a picture of what you look like when you are praying.

Draw a picture of what you look like after your prayers.

READ 1 SAMUEL 1:20-28

Did Hannah keep her promise?
How do you think Hannah felt?
What is a promise that was/is hard for you to keep?

READ 1 SAMUEL 2:2 & 11 & 18-20

How did Hannah feel about God?
Did Hannah forget about Samuel?
Do you have some clothes with a memory attached to them?
Tell others the story of your clothes.

READ 1 SAMUEL 2:21 & 26

Did God forget about Hannah?
Ask your mother to make a list of things she'd like you to grow up to be.
Talk about them.

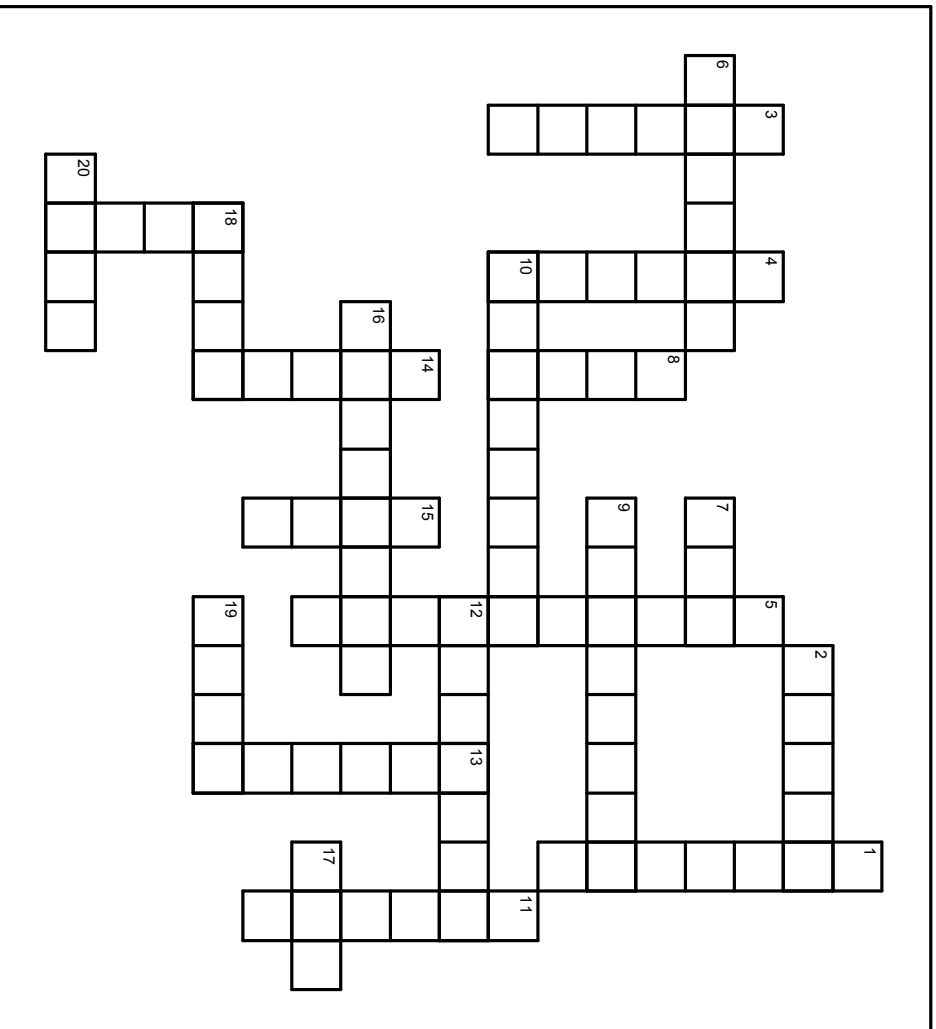
Ask God to give your mother the wisdom and strength to help you grow up well.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Whoever _____ must _____;
and _____, my _____ also _____.
My _____ will _____ who _____."

John 12:26

Hannah



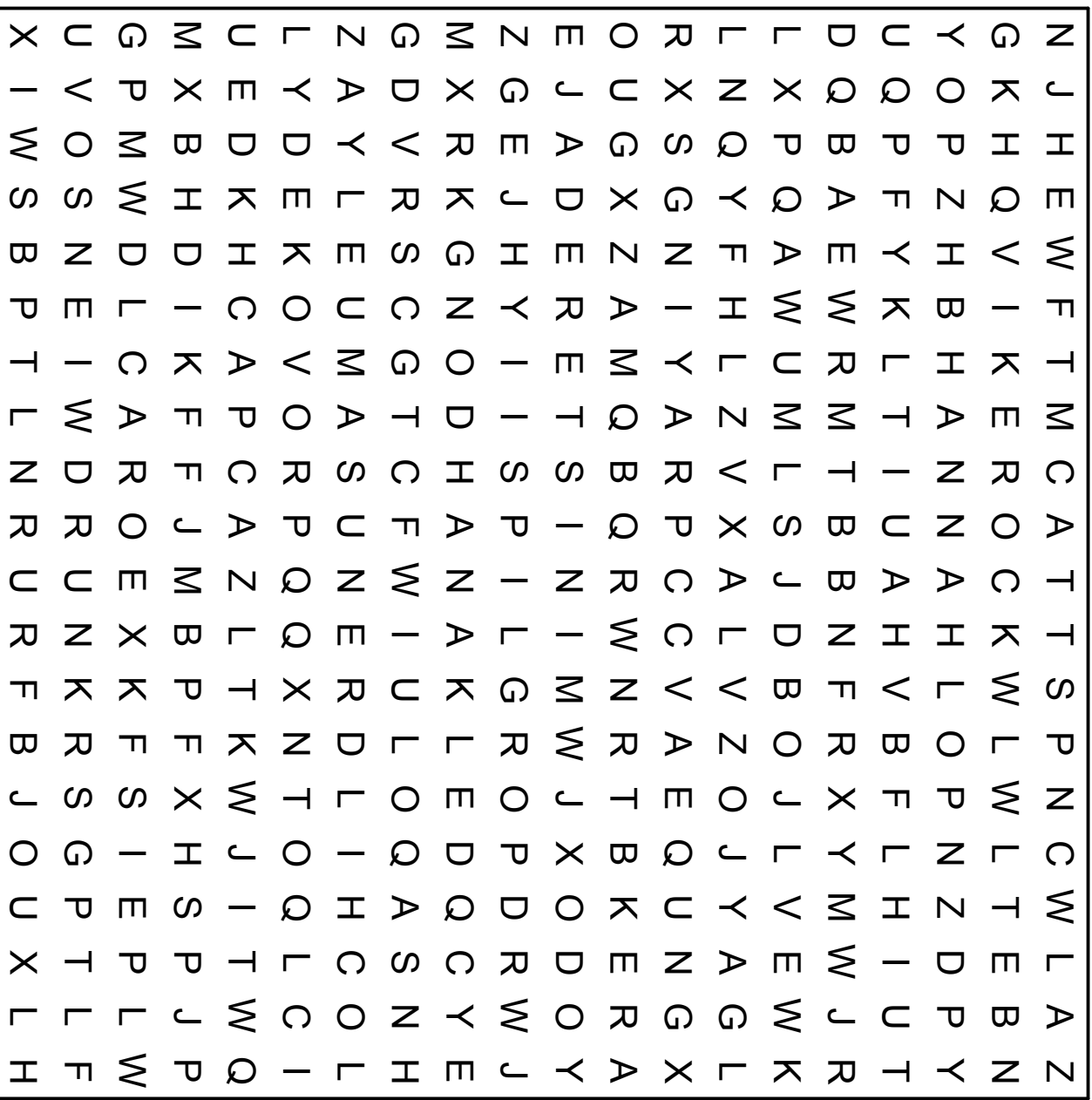
Across

2. Samuel would never use one
(1 Samuel 1:11)
6. the baby's name (1 Samuel 1:20)
7. the priest (1 Samuel 1:9)
9. Hannah had more of these
(1 Samuel 2:20)
10. Hannah wasn't this anymore
(1 Samuel 1:18)
12. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:1)
16. what Peninnah did to Hannah
(1 Samuel 1:7)
17. another word for promise
(1 Samuel 1:11)
18. Hannah compares God to one of these (1 Samuel 2:2)
19. these were moving but no sound was being made (1 Samuel 1:13)
20. what Hannah did
(1 Samuel 1:7)

Down

1. what Hannah was really doing
(1 Samuel 1:16)
3. Samuel's mother (1 Samuel 1:20)
4. eating on his own (1 Samuel 1:22)
5. what Samuel did (1 Samuel 2:11)
8. what Samuel continued to do
(1 Samuel 2:26)
11. the place of worship (1 Samuel 1:3)
13. how long Samuel will live in Shiloh
(1 Samuel 1:22)
14. what Eli thought Hannah was
(1 Samuel 1:14)
15. place where a baby grows
(1 Samuel 1:5)
18. what Hannah made for Samuel
(1 Samuel 2:19)

Hannah



Shiloh

Samuel

downcast

drunk

grow

always

wept

Elkanah

ministered

children

vow

razor

praying

provoked

robe

Hannah

Eli

womb

lips

weaned

rock

Hannah

1. AYSAWL _ _ _ _ _
2. EPTW _ _ _ _
3. WVO _ _ _
4. IHSLHO _ _ _ _ _
5. CKOR _ _ _ _
6. ISLP _ _ _ _
7. GRWO _ _ _ _
8. TDACWNSO _ _ _ _ _
9. AUESLM _ _ _ _ _
10. RU DNK _ _ _ _ _
11. NRAGPIY _ _ _ _ _
12. RPEKOOVD _ _ _ _ _
13. BWMO _ _ _ _
14. ARROZ _ _ _ _
15. NHHNHAA _ _ _ _ _
16. ENADWE _ _ _ _ _
17. EKALNHA _ _ _ _ _
18. ILE _ _ _
19. RIHCENDL _ _ _ _ _
20. OERB _ _ _ _
21. EIERMTSDIN _ _ _ _ _