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## Parents Connect

### Bible Story:

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(1 Sam. 1:24-28; 2:11, 18-21, 26)

**Bible Phrase:** "Serve the Lord with gladness"  
(Ps. 100:2).

**Bible Truth:** God wants me to serve Him with a happy heart.



## God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



4. God sent Jesus to help us.



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



## Unfolding God's Story For Parents

It is hard for us to imagine the commitment to God required to keep such a promise as Hannah did. She left her child with God's representative to the nation to train and prepare for life. God blessed their faithfulness as Samuel grew to be the nation's next great leader.

- Ask, "Do you think it would be a great adventure to learn from the pastor how to pray, study the Bible and help people?"
- Say, "Today's true Bible story is about a boy who got to learn these things from the priest in Israel. Listen to the story to find out what happened."

- Tell the story.
- Ask, "What was the priest's name?" (Eli.) "What did Samuel's mother bring him?" (A new coat or robe.)
- Pray together.

## Bible Story

### "Samuel Served God"

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Hannah; her husband, Elkanah; and Samuel traveled to a town called Shiloh. When they arrived, they went to the tabernacle. Eli the priest greeted the family. Hannah reminded Eli of her prayer a few years before. Hannah had promised God if He gave her a son, she would give him back to love and serve God. Hannah wanted to keep her promise. Hannah believed Eli could teach Samuel about God and how to serve Him at the tabernacle.

Samuel stayed with Eli. Samuel helped Eli care for the tabernacle. Eli helped Samuel learn more about God. Each morning, Samuel welcomed people who came to pray and worship God.

Samuel's mother would come to visit him at the tabernacle, and each year she made a new coat for Samuel because he was growing bigger and taller. Hannah was happy Samuel was learning to love and serve God.

## Activity Suggestion

### Make a Samuel Robe

Use a large brown grocery sack. Cut holes for head and arms and one cut all the way up the bag to the neck. If there is printing on the bag, carefully turn it inside out. Let your preschooler decorate his or her Samuel robe. Show your child Bible pictures or the picture on this page.



Samuel served as a boy.

# Samuel Served in God's House Word Search



Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.  
The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

I T N I H E N I S M O S  
P R O M I S E H E M V A  
L A I Q N O N A R C T M  
T M E D O N D N V I Q U  
Z O U F P U G N E E V E  
L T A B E R N A C L E L  
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L E S I K L A E A C I D  
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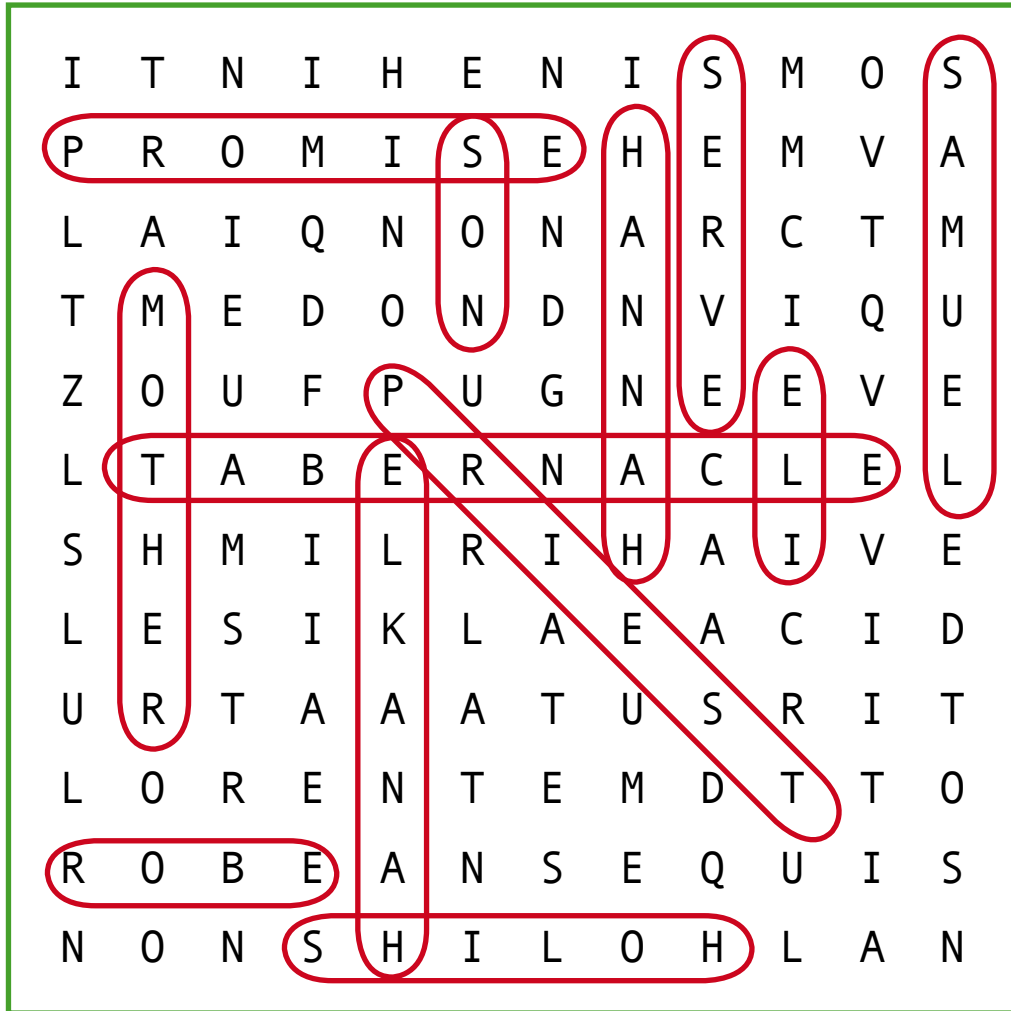
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