

1 Samuel 1:1-28

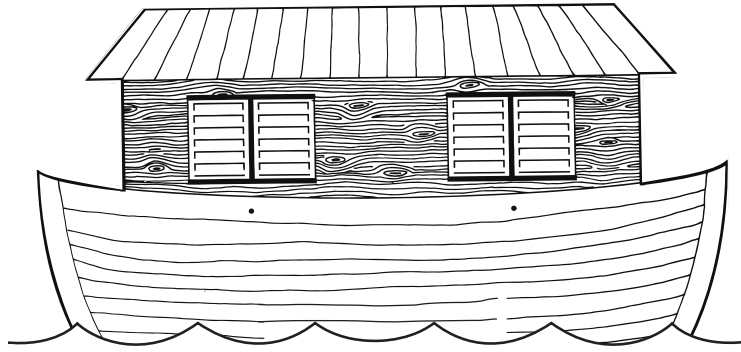
SAMUEL THE BABY

Big Idea :

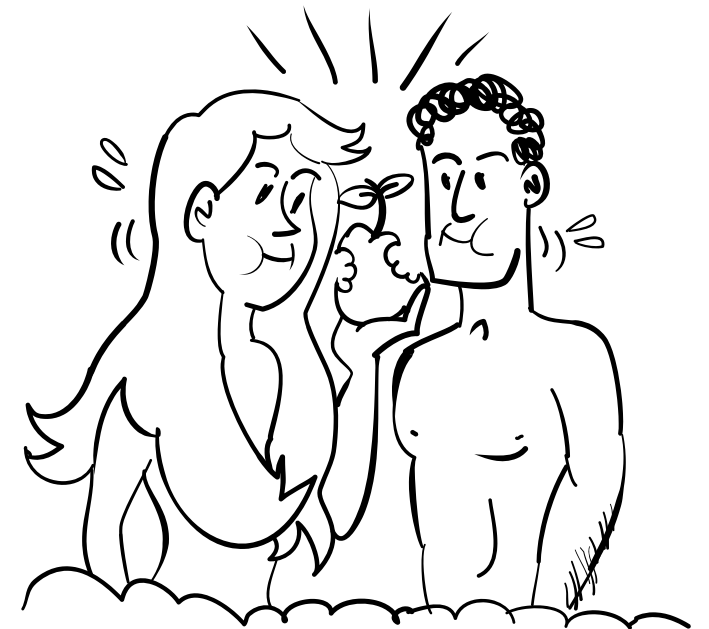
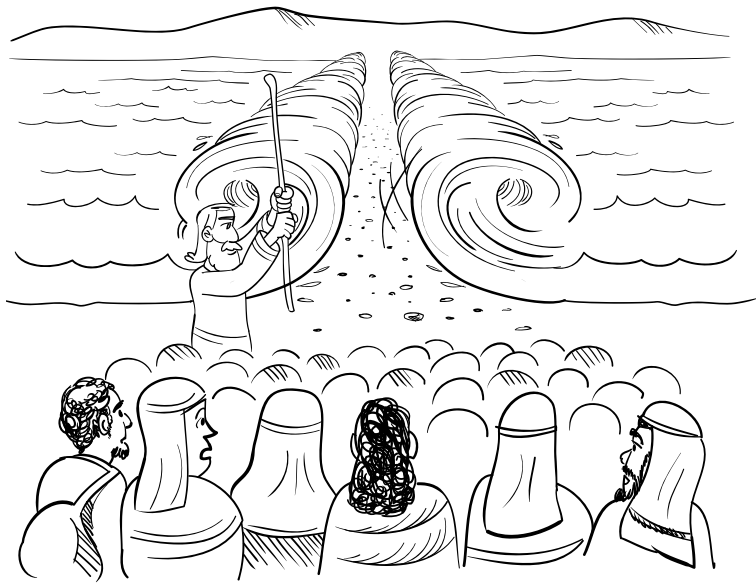
Hannah was childless so she asked God for a son and promised to dedicate him to God; God answered her prayers and she kept her promise.

Aim :

To teach that God generously answers prayers at just the right time as part of his good plan.



**Can you put these pictures in the order
that we find them in the bible**



[Creation, fall, flood, Abraham, exodus and Joshua's memorial stone (Joshua 24:25-27)]

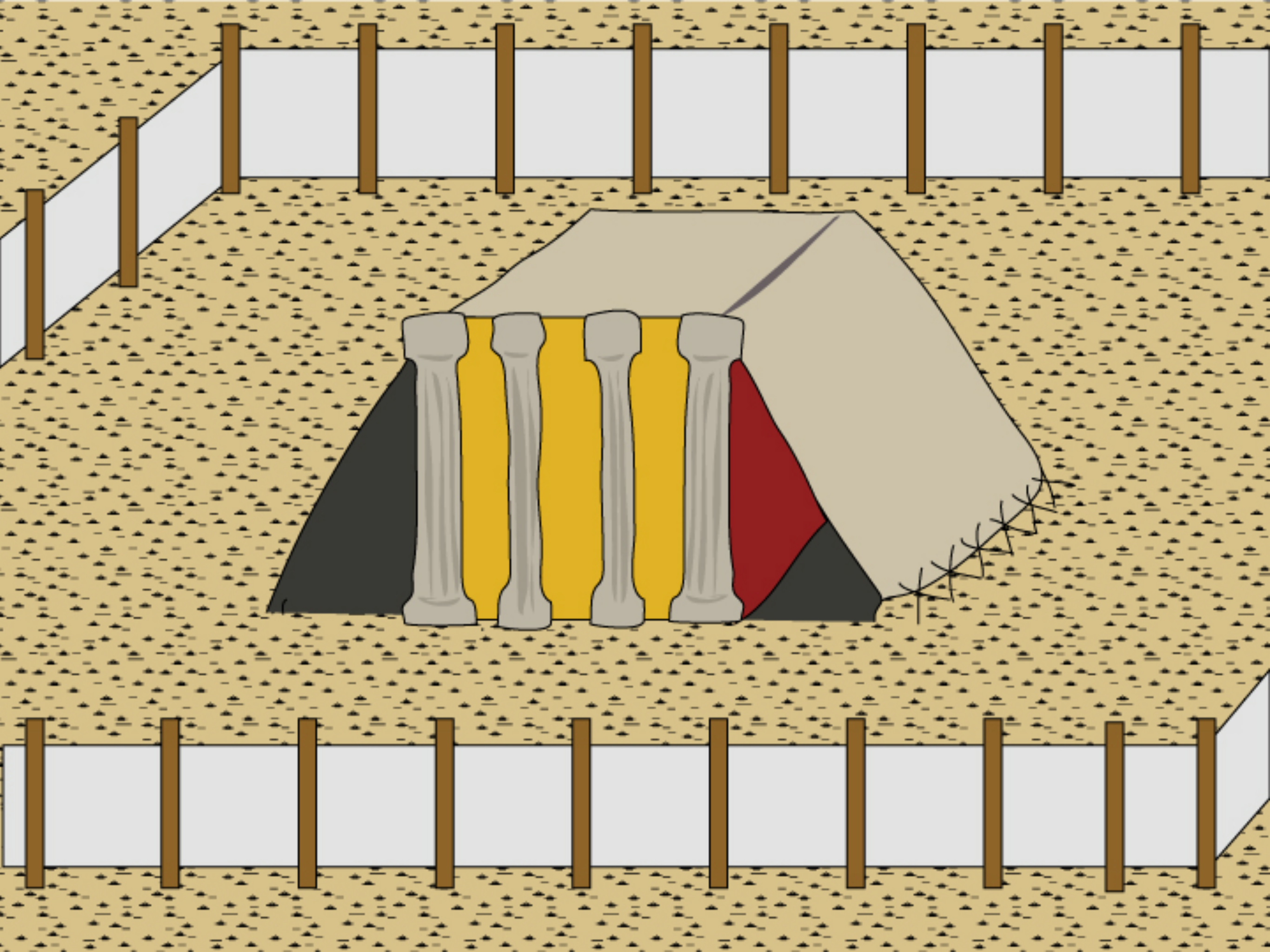
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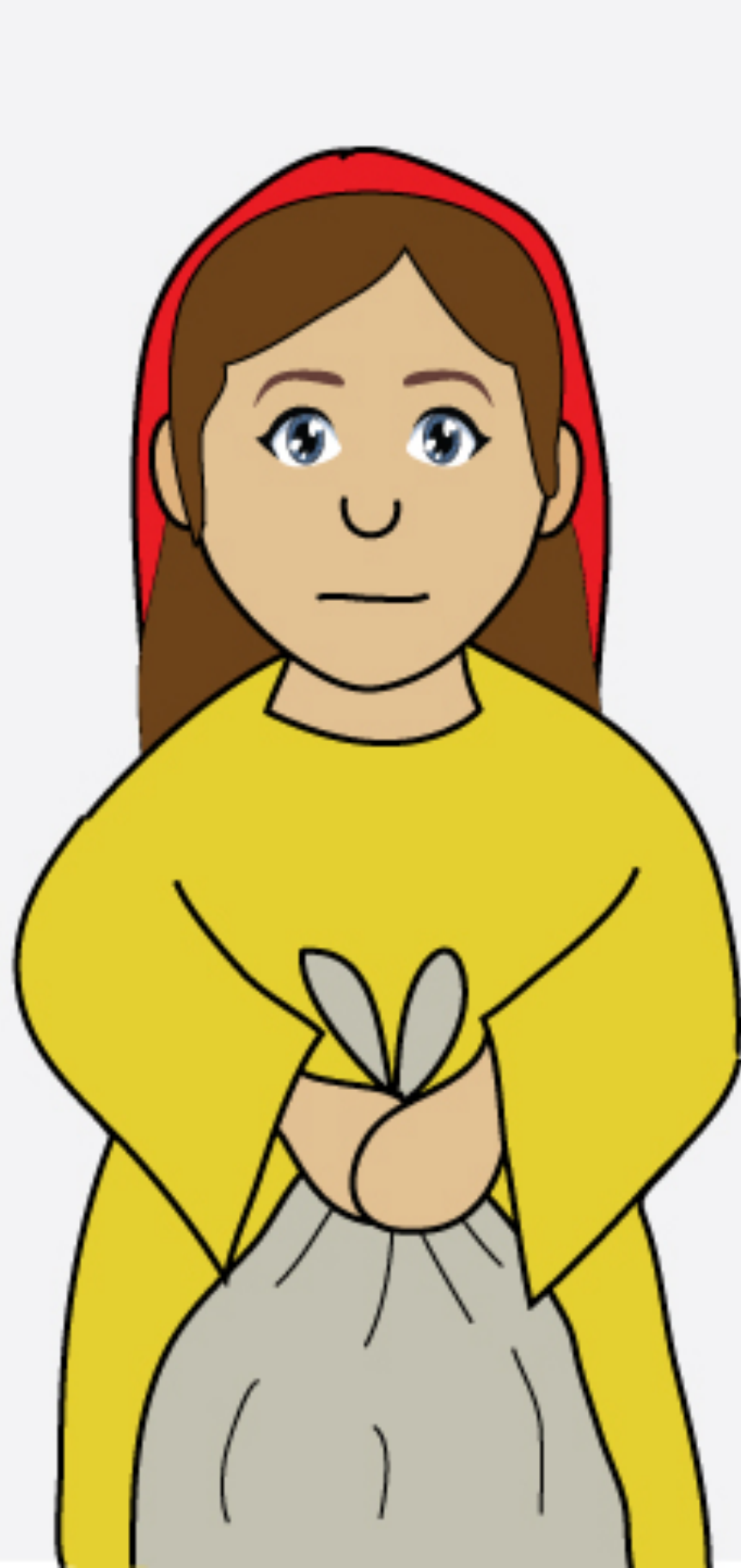
INTRO

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Hannah's Prayer

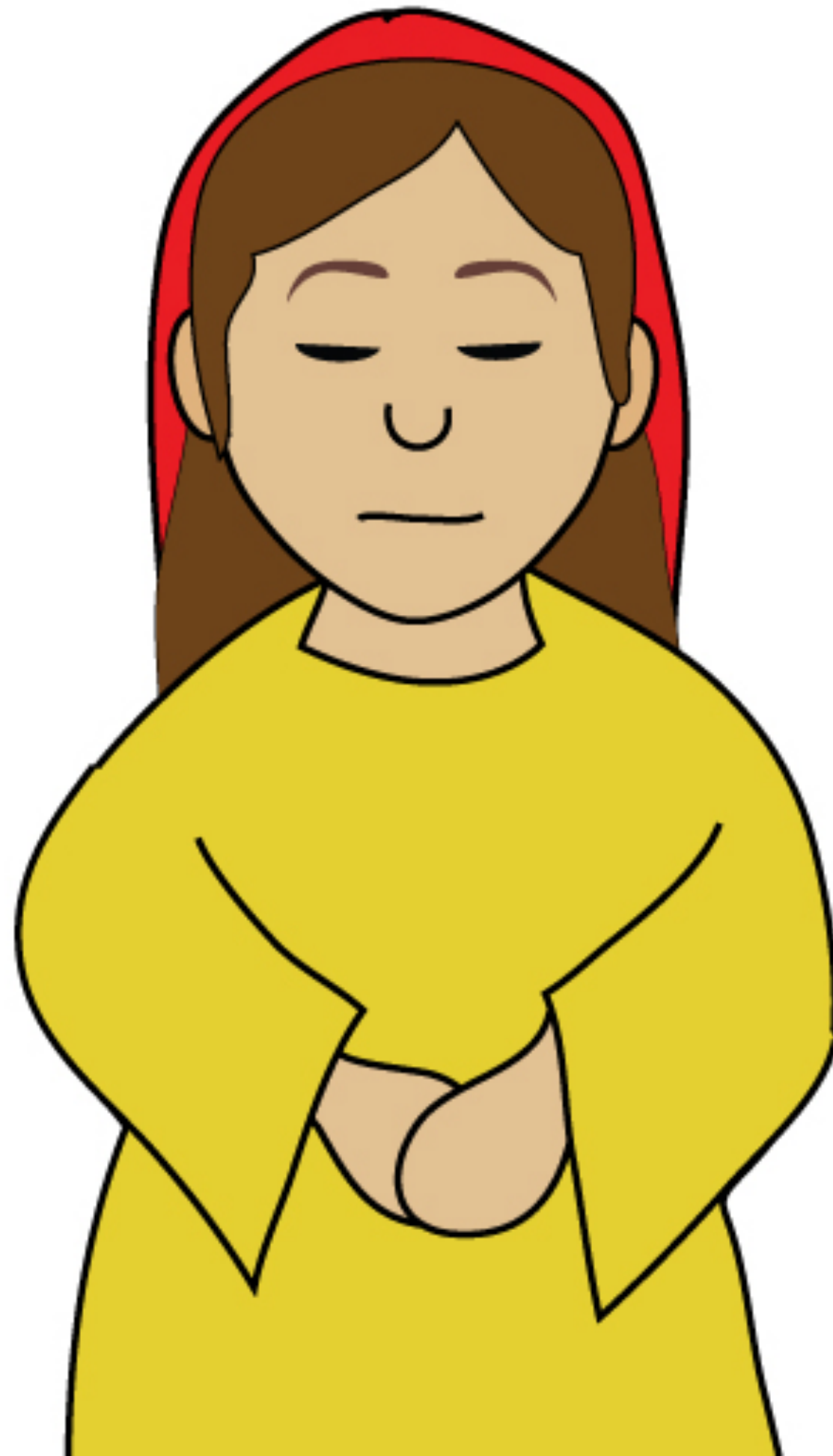
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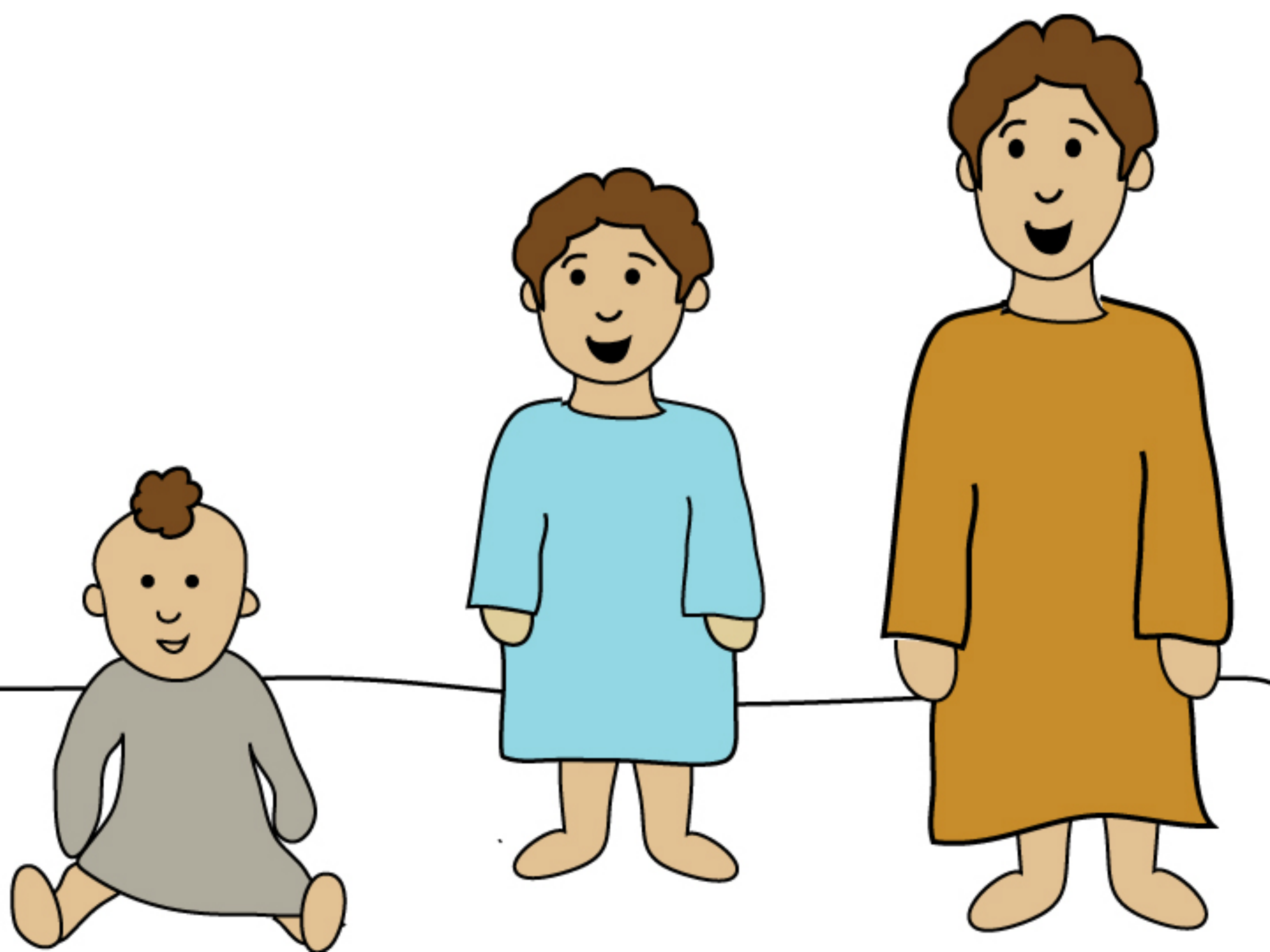




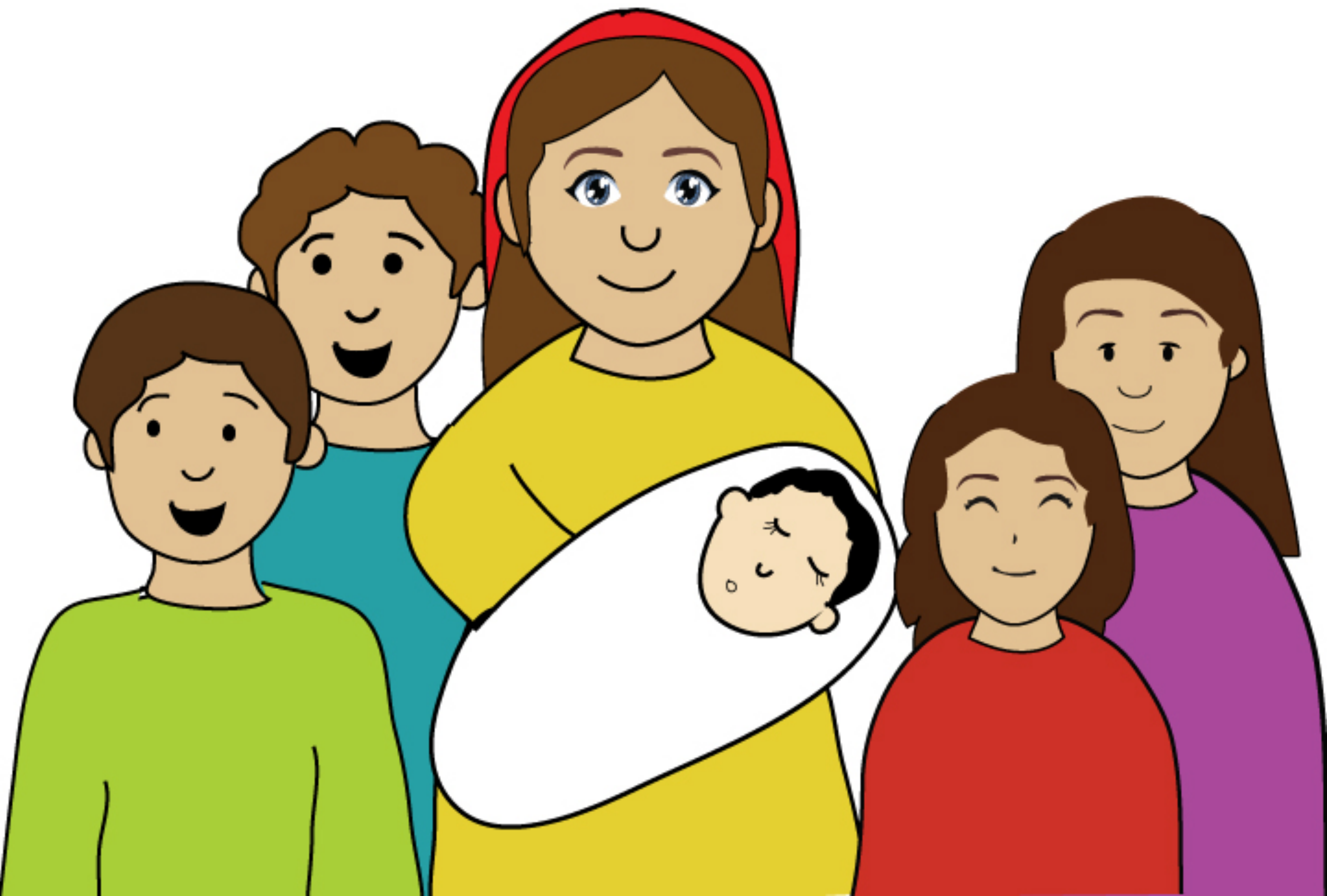












Script

Long before the Israelites had kings, God raised up prophets to lead his people.

God would speak to his prophet and the prophet would tell the people what God said.

The book of 1 Samuel begins with the birth of a prophet.

We find the story of his birth in the book of 1 Samuel, chapter one.

(pause)

Each year God's people, the Israelites, would travel to a special place.

There they would pray and offer gifts of animals to God as payment for their sin.

Pictures

Picture 1: title, *Hannah's Prayer*.

Picture 2

One day a woman came with her husband to offer gifts to God and to pray.

Picture 3

The woman's name was Hannah.

But Hannah was very upset.

Picture 4

She was upset because she was unable to have a baby.

Now Hannah's husband had another wife as well.

Picture 5

The other wife had many children.

The other wife would make fun of Hannah.

She had so many children and Hannah had none!

So Hannah went into God's special meeting tent.

Hannah cried out to God.

She cried out to God because he is good.

And she cried out to God because he is the King of everything.

Hannah was so upset!

Even though her mouth moved, no sound came out.

She asked God to give her a son.

Then Hannah made God a promise.

If God gave her a son, when the boy was old enough, she'd give him back to God to work alongside Eli, the priest.

Eli, the priest, saw Hannah's mouth moving but no words coming out.

He thought she was drunk.

Picture 6

Picture 7

Picture 8

Picture 9

But Hannah told Eli she was not drunk.

She was just very upset!

Eli was kind to Hannah and prayed that God would give her what she had asked.

God heard Hannah's prayer and he gave her a son.

She called her baby boy Samuel.

Hannah kept her promise to God.

Samuel grew and grew and grew.

And when he was old enough she brought him back to God's special tent to work for God under Eli.

Then Hannah went home.

But God was kind to Hannah.

God gave Hannah three more sons and two daughters as well.

Picture 10

Picture 11

Picture 12

Picture 13

Picture 14

Hannah was devastated.

She could not have any children.

So Hannah took her sadness to God.

She cried out to God because he is good.

She cried out to God because is the all-powerful King.

God heard her prayer and gave her more than she could ever have imagined.

Children, if you love and follow Jesus, then God is your King.

He is a good and powerful King.

So pray to your good, all-powerful King who can do more than you could ever ask or imagine.

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DISCUSS

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ACTIVITY

BE PATIENT

- Sometimes in life things are easy and come quickly for some people, but for others it's slow and sometimes very painful.
- In today's story what was the name of the woman who was really, really sad? (Hannah)
- Why was she so sad?(other women could have babies but she did not)
- She was sad because everyone was able to have babies except for her.

MEMORY VERSE

I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11

Click here for some
help in learning the
verse... get going -
next week we have
another one!

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WATCH

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ACTIVITY

THE SAMUEL CHALLENGE

Talk about why they were reluctant to finish. What was hard about the last instruction? Did they still feel like winners after giving away their prize? Was it worth it? Give the winning team the remaining prize and then remind the children that in today's true story from the Bible Hannah desperately wanted a son, but she promised to give him to God if he answered her prayer. God gave her a son called Samuel and Hannah kept her promise – she gave away the thing she most wanted.

PASS THE BABY

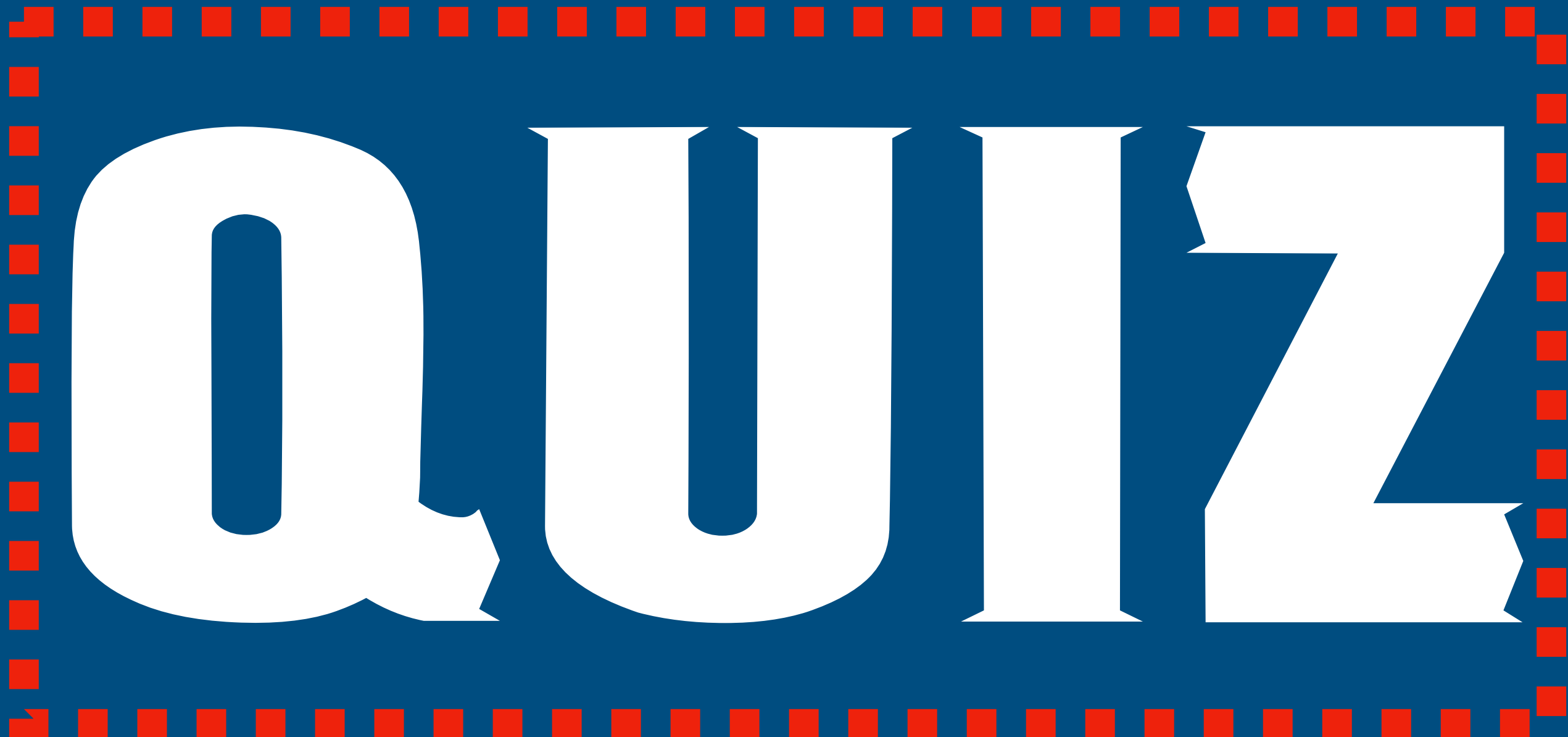
How did the children feel when they had to give the parcel to the next child whom they knew would get a sweet or the doll? Remind the children that in today's true story from the Bible Hannah desperately wanted a baby, but she promised to give him to God if he answered her prayer. God gave her a son called Samuel and Hannah kept her promise – she gave away the thing she had received and most wanted.

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SING

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Q. What tribe is Samuel from?	A. 1 Samuel 1:1 = Ephraim (Joseph's son)
Q. Did his father, Elkanah, have more than one wife?	A. 1 Samuel 1:2 = Yes. Peninnah is listed 2nd, as was traditional to list anything first to last.
Q. Who was Elkanah's first wife then?	A. 1 Samuel 1:1 = Hannah.
Q. Did Elkanah's family worship God rightly?	A. 1 Samuel 1:3 = Yes.
Q. Where was the Tabernacle at this time?	A. 1 Samuel 1:3 = At Shiloh, in Ephraim.
Q. Is there another Phinehas mentioned besides Eleazar's priest-son?	A. 1 Samuel 1:3 = Yes. One of Eli, the priest's sons was named Phinehas also.
Q. Who was Eli's other son?	A. 1 Samuel 1:3 = Hophni.
Q. What made Hannah's life especially miserable besides being barren?	A. 1 Samuel 1:7 = Peninnah taunted Hannah as they traveled to the Tabernacle because she couldn't have children.
Q. Did Elkanah understand her trouble?	A. 1 Samuel 1:8 = No. He was offended that Hannah didn't see him as being as good as ten sons. He didn't understand the barren womb. (And he had children through a 2nd wife so what's to sympathize with?)
Q. Did Elkanah at least try?	A. 1 Samuel 1:5 = Yes. He would give Hannah a special portion of the sacrifice because he loved her very much and she had no children.

Q. Did Hannah ever become content?	A. 1 Samuel 1:10 = No. She wept bitterly, was in deep anguish and begged God for a child.
Q. Did Hannah make a vow?	A. 1 Samuel 1:11 = Yes. If she was granted a child, to give him to God, never cutting his hair as a sign of his dedication.
Q. When Hannah made that vow, was anyone around to hear it?	A. 1 Samuel 1:12 = Hannah prayed silently, but with great passion, so much that Eli thought she was drunk.
Q. Did Hannah explain herself to Eli?	A. Yes, but she never mentioned her prayer for a son.
Q. Did Eli believe her?	A. 1 Samuel 1:17 = Yes. Eli blessed Hannah because of her passionate prayer.
Q. Did Hannah feel better afterwards?	A. 1 Samuel 1:18 = Yes. Hannah was no longer sad and began to eat again.
Q. What does "Samuel" mean?	A. 1 Samuel 1:20 = "Asked of God" or "Heard of God" (footnote).
Q. When is the next time Hannah traveled with the family to Shiloh to worship at the Tabernacle?	A. 1 Samuel 1:24 = Several years later.
Q. Why so long?	A. 1 Samuel 1:22 = Hannah determined to keep Samuel until he was weaned, then when she took him to the Tabernacle with the family, she'd leave him there permanently.
Q. Did Elkanah think she'd keep her promise?	<p>A. 1 Samuel 1:23 = He blessed Hannah with words of courage to keep her promise.</p> <p>Note: Elkanah gave words of hope and courage to Hannah, though she would have a very hard time with that oath. It is easier to be negative about something someone else believes in. Why not speak words of encouragement and blessing instead? May God help you to do it!</p>

PRAY

Repeated Prayer

God, you are amazing, – you are perfectly good – and there is nothing you can't do. – Thank you that because of Jesus – you hear our prayers – and you have the power to do – more than we could ever ask – or imagine. – You are amazing! – Amen