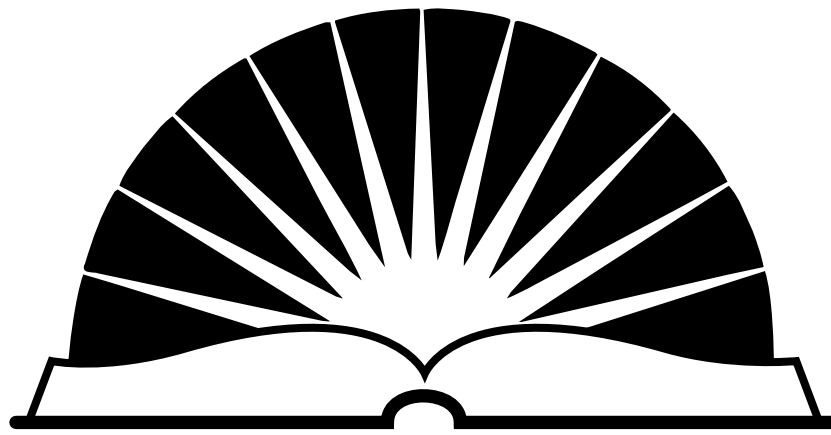


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Youth Bible Study

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**Sample
Lesson**

1 SAMUEL — WEEK ONE

NO LESSON DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: BARNYARD

Divide into two teams, A and B. Each player is given the name of a farm animal, such as chicken, rooster, pig, cow, horse, etc. Use the same farm animals for each team, so there will be a player on each team with the same animal.

The teams stand on opposite ends of the play area. The leader holds the game ball and chooses which team (A) will be first to toss it. A player from Team A must toss the ball into Team B's area while calling a farm animal.

A team member from Team B must catch the ball before it bounces a second time. If it is not caught, the Team B player with the farm animal called is eliminated from play, but sits on Team A's side. If the ball is caught before the second bounce, the Team B player who caught it calls a farm animal while tossing the ball back to Team A's play area. The game continues in this way until time is called, or one team is out of players.

15 - 20 minutes discuss class rules

to end of class CRAFT: FOOD DAY

MATERIALS:

white bread, 1 slice per child	toaster
graham crackers	toaster oven
small marshmallows	microwave oven
HERSHEY'S Chocolate Bars	measuring cups
shredded wheat biscuits	spoons
1/4 cup coconut	measuring spoons
1 tbls. brown sugar	muffin tin
jelly beans	foil
margarine	mixing bowl
milk	food coloring
new, unused paint brushes	small bowls
paper towels	

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PAINTED TOAST: Pour about 2 tablespoons milk into bowl. Add a drop or two of food coloring. With clean, unused paint brush, paint a design onto white bread. Toast, spread with margarine, and eat. Repeat for each serving.

S'MORES:

Place 1 graham cracker half on paper towel; top with half a chocolate bar and 4 small marshmallows. Microwave at HIGH 10 - 15 seconds or just until marshmallow begins puff. Immediately top with second graham cracker half; gently press together. Repeat for each serving.

BIRD'S NEST:

Crumble 2 shredded wheat biscuits into a mixing bowl. Stir in 1/4 cup coconut, and 1 tablespoon brown sugar. Pour 1/4 cup melted margarine into bowl and stir. Line 6 muffin cups with foil. Press shredded wheat mixture onto the bottoms and up sides of cups. Bake 10 minutes in 350 degree oven, or until slightly brown. Cool nests in cups. Remove nests from cups by lifting up on the foil; then peel off foil. Fill with jelly beans. Save or eat. Cups may also be filled with canned fruit, yogurt, or pudding if desired. Makes 6 servings. Repeat as needed for class size.

1 SAMUEL — LESSON 1

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read 1 Samuel chapter 1, verses 1 - 8.

The book of 1 Samuel takes place near the end of the Israelite judges' rule, and before the rule of the kings. Although Elkanah had two wives, God's original plan was for a man to have only one wife. In the Old Testament, if a woman didn't have any children, she was not honored.

1. **RISKY:** What was different between Elkanah's wives?
2. **CHALLENGE:** How do you know Elkanah loved Hannah more than Peninnah?

Read 1 Samuel chapter 1, verses 9 - 18.

1. What was Hannah's prayer?
2. What does James 5:13 say about prayer?
3. Eli thought Hannah had been drinking when he watched her praying. After she explained about her prayer, what promise did Eli give her?

Read 1 Samuel chapter 1, verses 19 - 28.

1. **CHALLENGE:** How do you know God heard Hannah's prayer?

2. What did Hannah say to Eli when she brought Samuel to him?

3. What do these verses say about prayers to God?

Psalm 91:15

Psalm 145:19

4. Hannah kept her promise to God. What do these verses say about making promises to God? Sometimes a promise is called a vow.

Ecclesiastes 5:4,5

James 5:12

5. There are many verses about prayer in the Bible. What else do these verses say about prayer?

Proverbs 15:8

Proverbs 15:29

Isaiah 59:2

John 9:31

6. What do these verses say is the way someone becomes righteous or is right with God?

Isaiah 1:18

1 John 1:9

7. **PERSONAL:** God's word says He answers our prayers, but before that happens we have to be right with Him. That happens when we confess our sins. Are you right with God?

Read 1 Samuel chapter 2, verses 1 - 10.

1. These verses are Hannah's prayer. What does she say about God in verse 2?

2. **HARD:** The last verse of Hannah's prayer gives hope to those who think evil will win over good. Try writing it in your own words.

3. **PERSONAL:** Which verse on prayer did you memorize?

1 SAMUEL — WEEK TWO

DISCUSSION — LESSON ONE

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: ONE HANDED RELAY

Form into relay teams, with players standing about arm's length from each other in each line. Each team has a **long balloon**. Before play begins, all players turn and face the end of the line.

The first player of each team holds the balloon in the hand he does not normally use. At the signal, the second player turns around to face the front of the line; the first player, using only one hand, gives the balloon to the second player who receives it with one hand. The third player turns toward the front and the exchange is again made.

As each exchange is made the player handing off the balloon runs to the end of the line after handing it off. Play continues until the first player is in his original position. If the balloon is dropped, the one dropping it must retrieve it and return to his position before passing it on. The team who reaches their original positions first wins.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 1

to end of class CRAFT: PRAYING HANDS HANGER

MATERIALS

liquid tempera paint	old sponges
yarn	small stickers
colored card stock	pencils & felt pens
transparent tape	scissors
hole punch	ruler
shallow containers	Newspaper

Preparation: Cut sponges into 2-inch pieces. Cover work area with newspaper. Pour tempera paint into shallow containers.
In Class: Each child should place one hand palm down, with fingers together, on one sheet of card stock. Leave at least 1/2-inch margin at top, bottom and outside edges.

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Teacher or student traces around hand, cuts out and discards hand print (see diagram a.)

Tape the hand pattern stencil over another sheet of card stock. (see diagram b.)

Dip sponge piece into paint and then press onto the hand cut-out. Cover the entire hand design.

Allow to dry then remove stencil.

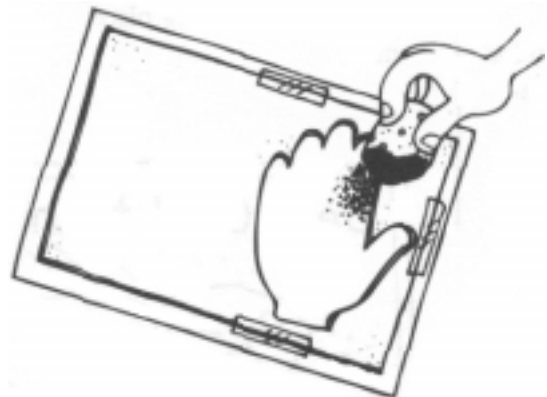
Decorate the edges of card stock by applying stickers.

Student prints prayer or comments on paper next to hand (diagram c.)

Punch a hole in the top corners. Thread yard through holes and tie to make hanger.



a.



b.



c.

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1 SAMUEL — LESSON 1 ANSWERS

Read 1 Samuel chapter 1, verses 1 - 8.

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1. **RISKY:** What was different between Elkanah's wives? Peninnah had children, Hannah did not.
2. **CHALLENGE:** How do you know Elkanah loved Hannah more than Peninnah? Verse 5: "But he always gave a special share of the meat to Hannah. He did this because he loved her and because the Lord had kept her from having children. [If someone asks, today we would say "allowed her not to have children." He would use Hannah's barrenness for good, Romans 8:28 and to bring glory to Himself, John 9:3.]

Read 1 Samuel chapter 1, verses 9 - 18.

1. What was Hannah's prayer? Verse 11: "And she made a promise to the Lord. 'O Lord of heaven,' she said. 'Please, look down upon my sorrow. Please, answer my prayer and give me a son. If you do, then I will give him back to you. He'll be yours for his whole lifetime. And his hair shall never be cut.'"
2. What does James 5:13 say about prayer? "Is anyone among you suffering? If so, he should pray about it. And those who are thankful should sing praises to the Lord."
3. Eli thought Hannah had been drinking when he watched her praying. After she explained about her prayer, what promise did Eli give her? Verse 17: "In that case,' Eli said, 'cheer up! May the Lord give you what you asked for, whatever it is!'"

Read 1 Samuel chapter 1, verses 19 - 28.

1. **CHALLENGE:** How do you know God heard Hannah's prayer? Verse 20a: "In due time, a baby boy was born to her. She named him Samuel."
2. What did Hannah say to Eli when she brought Samuel to him? Verses 27, 28: "I asked him to give me this child. And he has given me what I asked for! Now I am giving him to the Lord for a long as he lives.' So she left him there at the Tabernacle for the Lord to use." [Samuel was between 2 and 3 years old. He probably did simple chores for Eli until he would learn his priestly duties.]

3. What do these verses say about prayers to God?

Psalm 91:15 “When he calls on me, I will answer. I will be with him in trouble. I will save him and honor him.”

Psalm 145:19 “He gives those who respect him what they want. He always helps those who trust him. He hears their cries for help and saves them.”

4. Hannah kept her promise to God. What do these verses say about making promises to God? Sometimes a promise is called a vow.

Ecclesiastes 5:4,5 “You might talk to God and make a promise to him. If you do this, don’t wait to do it. For God has no pleasure in fools. Keep your promise to him. You might not promise to do anything. This is better than saying you will and then not doing it.”

James 5:12 “Most of all, brothers, don’t swear by Heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no. That way you won’t sin and be guilty for it.”

6. There are many verses about prayer in the Bible. What else do these verses say about prayer?

Proverbs 15:8 “The Lord detests [hates] the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him” (NIV).

Proverbs 15:29 “The Lord is far from the wicked. But he hears the prayers of the righteous.”

Isaiah 59:2 “But the trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God. Because of sin, he has turned his face away from you. And now he won’t listen anymore.”

John 9:31 “Well, God doesn’t listen to evil men. He listens to those who worship him and do his will.”

7. What do these verses say is the way someone becomes righteous or is right with God?

Isaiah 1:18 “‘Come, let’s talk this over!’ says the Lord. ‘No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained red as crimson, I can make you white as wool!’”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”

8. **PERSONAL:** God's word says He answers our prayers, but before that happens we have to be right with Him. That happens when we confess our sins. Are you right with God?

Read 1 Samuel chapter 2, verses 1 - 10.

1. These verses are Hannah's prayer. What does she say about God in verse 2? "No one is as holy as the Lord! There is no other God, Nor any Rock like our God."
2. **HARD:** The last verse of Hannah's prayer gives hope to those who think evil will win over good. Try writing it in your own words. "Those who fight against the Lord shall be broken. He thunders against them from heaven. He judges throughout the earth. He gives mighty strength to his King, and gives great glory to his anointed one."
3. **PERSONAL:** Which verse on prayer did you memorize?