

Hannah's Story

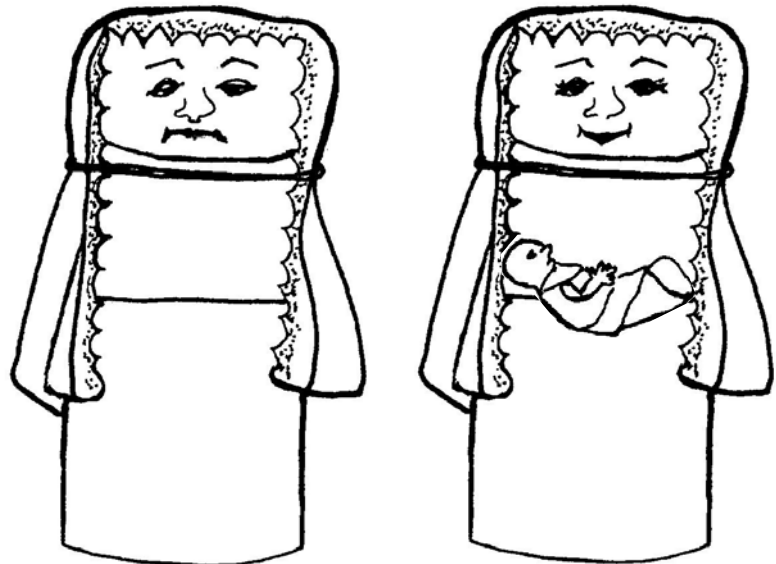
I was very unhappy. Although I loved my husband very much and he loved me we did not have any children. To make matters worse my sister-in-law Peninnah teased me awfully because she had children and I didn't.

I decided to talk to the Lord about my problem and I told him that if he would give me a son I would dedicate him to the Lord to work in the temple.

The Lord heard my prayer and I had a son whom I called Samuel. While he was still quite small I took him to the temple and left him there with the priest Eli to serve the Lord and Eli.

The Lord continued to bless me with 3 more sons and 2 daughters. In my day it was very important for a woman to have children to build our nation up.

You can find this story in 1 Samuel, chapter 1.



Sad Hannah / Happy Hannah

You will need:

- cardboard cylinder (toilet roll size)
- scraps of material
- glue
- felt pens, crayons or pencils
- scraps of lace
- wool or felt for hair
- chenille stick
- baby doll

What to do:

- Wrap material around the cardboard cylinder for the dress. Glue in place.
- Wind the chenille stick around her waist. Twist the ends together to make hands to hold the baby on one side of the toilet roll. (It will look like a belt on the other side.)
- Glue some wool or felt on for hair, on the sides and top of the head only.
- Glue a strip of material over the hair, and if desired, glue some lace trim around the edge of Hannah's head cover. Secure head cover with a rubber band if necessary.
- Draw faces on with felt pens, crayons or pencils: on one side draw Hannah with a sad face, on the other side (where the hands are) draw Hannah's happy face.
- Wrap the baby doll in a scrap of material.
- On Hannah's happy side, glue the baby to the chenille hands.

Missing word puzzle:

Find the missing words in the story

Hannah loved her

H _ _ _ _ _

What Hannah's sister-in-law did

_ _ A _ _ _

How Hannah felt

_ _ N _ _ _

What Hannah wanted: a ...

_ _ N _ _ _

Hannah talked to God in

_ _ A _ _ _

God gave Hannah six of these altogether

_ _ H _ _ _



Answers: 1. husband 2. teased 3. unhappy 4. son 5. prayer 6. children

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Samuel's Story

I was very homesick at first but I grew to like the temple duties. I didn't think much of Eli's sons. They were a bad lot. One night while I was asleep I heard a voice calling me - Samuel, Samuel!

I thought it was Eli and I went to him but he said it wasn't he and to go back to bed. Twice more I heard the voice calling me and at first Eli said I must be imagining it but the third time he said it must be the Lord

So Eli told me, "Go and lie down again and when he calls say: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.'"

That was a bit scary but I did what Eli told me to do and the Lord said he was going to do something in Israel that would make both ears of anyone who heard it tingle.

From then on Eli gave me lessons all about being a priest and when I was grown up the Lord made me his priest instead of Eli's wicked sons.

You can find this story in 1 Samuel 3: 1-20



In the speech bubbles, write what Samuel said to Eli, and what Eli replied. Colour the picture.

Ears

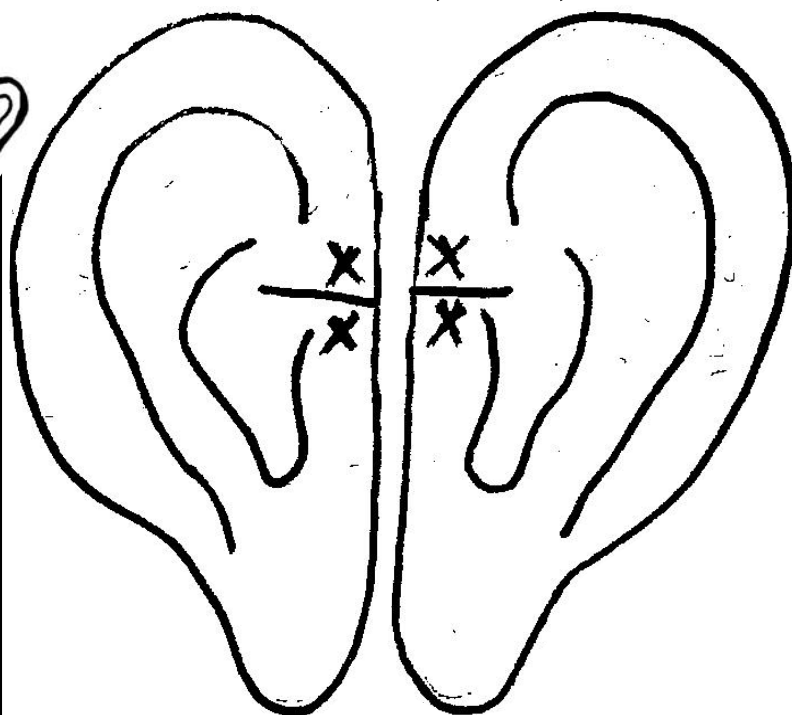
You will need:

- ♦ cardboard strip for head band
- ♦ cardboard for ears
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ stapler and staples
- ♦ ear patterns

What to do:

- Copy the ears onto cardboard. (Enlarge them if you want very big ears). Copy the markings too.
- Cut a headband to fit your head. Staple it to fit.
- Cut both ears out.
- Cut along the line between the crosses.
- Overlap the edges so that one cross fits over the other. Staple over the crosses.
- Staple or tape the ears, one to each side of the headband.
- You can write on the headband a verse or phrase: e.g.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.



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