

FOREMOTHER HANNAH

This activity is designed for our young daughters to learn about our foremother, Hannah the mother of Samuel and how she had great faith and prayer life when she could not have children and her ability to keep her vows.

Lesson Objectives:

At the end of the lesson, our young daughters will be able to answer the following questions about our foremother Hannah:

1. Who was Hannah?
2. What did she want in life?
3. What was her vow to the LORD?
4. What did they learn about Hannah that they can apply in their lives today?

Teach:

Hannah was a wife of Elkanah and did bear him no children.

1 Samuel 1:1 - 2;

[1] Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

[2] And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.
[5] But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb.

Before today's modern times, our foreparents took pride in getting married and bearing children. Today as we can see this isn't being pushed.

Questions: Does the media today encourage young women to desire marriage and bear children? (try to relate this to modern times as it can help your children relate to the topic and understand it better)

1 Samuel 1:8 - 10

[8] Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

[9] So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord.

[10] And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore.

Elkanah, Hannah's husband tried to comfort her in her sorrows but she wanted a child so bad she decided to take it to the LORD in prayer.

1 Samuel 1:11

[11] And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

Hannah was in desperation to have a child that she made a vow unto the LORD, to ensure she gives this child to the LORD.

Activity: get your child to research the word vow and ensure that they fully understand what a vow means.

Ecclesiastes 5:4 - 5

[4] When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

[5] Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

Sometimes we may be desperate for something but

we have to still be mindful of what we speak with our mouth. Our foremother Hannah shows great faith in the LORD and has a great prayer life believing that she would have a child. As she prayed unto the LORD, a priest named Eli saw her and he blessed her prayer.

1 Samuel 1:17 - 20

[17] Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

[18] And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

[19] And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her.

[20] Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.

Questions:

1. Why was Hannah countenance no more sad?
2. Did Hannah finally conceive?
3. What did she call her son? And why?

1 Samuel 1:21- 28

[21] And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

[22] But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever.

[23] And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

[24] And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young.

[25] And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

[26] And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord.

[27] For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

[28] Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

As we can see Hannah's prayers were answered because she prayed in faith. Once she received her child, she made haste to commit to the vow that she made.

Closing & Review:

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End of class.