



GIVE Thanks

PREPARE 



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU PRAYED FOR AND ASKED GOD TO GIVE YOU? WAS IT NEW SHOES? A PUPPY? OR MAYBE A BEDROOM OF YOUR OWN?

God listens to His children's prayers. We can talk to Him about the things we need and want.

Sometimes God chooses to give us the things we ask Him for, and other times He responds with a no or tells us to wait. **But no matter how He answers us, God cares for us as no one else can.** There is no one like Him. He deserves our praise.

In the Old Testament, a woman named Hannah asked God for something special: a baby boy. You see, Hannah had no children, but she desperately wanted a baby.


She prayed to God and told Him if He would give her a little boy, she would dedicate his life to God. It's important to understand that no matter how God answered Hannah, He is good and worthy of Hannah's praise. God could have told Hannah no; but instead, He told her yes!



 **TALK TOGETHER**
Family conversations with God's Word.

 **MORE TO EXPLORE**
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

 **THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

 **COLORING PAGE**
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



TALK TOGETHER

She gave birth to a baby boy and named him Samuel, which means “name of God.” She raised Samuel to love the Lord. When he was old enough, she took Him to serve God in the temple.

Hannah said a special prayer of praise to God to thank Him for Samuel. **Let’s take a look at part of her prayer by reading 1 Samuel 2:1-5**

AND HANNAH PRAYED AND SAID, “MY HEART EXULTS IN THE LORD; MY HORN IS EXALTED IN THE LORD. MY MOUTH DERIDES MY ENEMIES, BECAUSE I REJOICE IN YOUR SALVATION. THERE IS NONE HOLY LIKE THE LORD: FOR THERE IS NONE BESIDES YOU; THERE IS NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD. TALK NO MORE SO VERY PROUDLY, LET NOT ARROGANCE COME FROM YOUR MOUTH; FOR THE LORD IS A GOD OF KNOWLEDGE, AND BY HIM ACTIONS ARE WEIGHED. THE BOWS OF THE MIGHTY ARE BROKEN, BUT THE FEEBLE BIND ON STRENGTH. THOSE WHO WERE FULL HAVE HIRED THEMSELVES OUT FOR BREAD, BUT THOSE WHO WERE HUNGRY HAVE CEASED TO HUNGER. THE BARREN HAS BORNE SEVEN, BUT SHE WHO HAS MANY CHILDREN IS FORLORN.”

(1 SAMUEL 2:1-5)

What did Hannah say about God? She said there is no one like God. He takes care of His children and listens to our prayers! God alone is worthy of all our praise.

Hannah praised God for His uniqueness, holiness, knowledge and power. She knew only God could give her a child. She knew there was no one and nothing like God. She knew God deserved her praise.

The next time you come across something you need or want, talk to God about it. Whether He responds to your request with yes, no or wait, think of Hannah’s story and know He cares for you like no one else can. **Praise God there is no one like Him!**



TALK TOGETHER



MORE TO EXPLORE



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET



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* MORE TO EXPLORE

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

1 SAMUEL

This week's story comes from the book of 1 Samuel. 1 Samuel is called a historical book of the Bible. We don't know who wrote this book.

1 and 2 Samuel introduce us to the first kings of Israel and the line of David, from which Jesus, God's Son, would come.

OT-NT CONNECTION

Hannah's prayer of praise shares similar themes to Mary's song of praise in the New Testament book of Luke.

Read Luke 1:46-56.

- What themes do both prayers share?
- What can you learn from Hannah and Mary's songs of praise?

HOW CAN I REMEMBER TO PRAISE GOD FOR EVERYDAY THINGS?

Christians are called to continually praise God (Hebrews 13:15). Reading God's Word daily is a great way to remember to praise Him for the way He cares for us. Another great way to remember to praise God is to talk to Him often through prayer.

READ



Take some time to read chapter one of 1 Samuel and finish reading the rest of Hannah's prayer in chapter two. Hannah humbled herself before God and asked Him for a child. God said yes, and Hannah praised Him. She realized there was no one and nothing like God.

What is something in your life you can give God praise for? Pause and praise Him for that thing.

ARE SINGING AND PRAYING THE ONLY WAYS TO PRAISE GOD?

Singing and praying are great ways to praise God, but they are not the only way to praise Him. There are many ways to bring Him praise. Some other ways include serving Him with gladness, such as cheerfully obeying your parents (Colossians 3:23); and praising Him with musical instruments (Psalm 149:3).

JOURNAL



Names can have powerful meanings. Samuel's did! Hannah praised God for giving her Samuel.

Ask an adult to help you research what your name means. You can choose to do this activity using your first name or your last name. Write down what you find out in your journal and then thank God for creating you!

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

♥ MEMORIZE

**"THERE IS
NONE HOLY
LIKE THE LORD;
FOR THERE IS
NONE BESIDES
YOU; THERE IS
NO ROCK LIKE
OUR GOD."**

(1 SAMUEL 2:2)

Q: WHY DID HANNAH
GIVE THANKS TO GOD?

A: THERE IS NO ONE
LIKE HIM!

WRITE

Help your child think of a prayer of thanks to pray to God as a family. Help them write their prayer down. Thank Him that there is no one and nothing like Him. Pray together as a family.

SHARE

Tell your children about a time God showed you there is no one like Him!

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

**DEAR LORD, TODAY WE
THANK YOU FOR BEING
THE ONE AND ONLY
TRUE GOD. YOU ARE
HOLY. THERE IS NO ONE
LIKE YOU. YOU LISTEN
TO OUR PRAYERS AND
TAKE CARE OF US. WE
LOVE YOU, LORD. AMEN.**

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of 1 Samuel. Help your child find the book of 1 Samuel. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

LOCATE

In this week's memory verse, Hannah says, *"There is no rock like our God."* Hannah is talking about God's strength and protection. Help your child locate a rock to keep in their room to remind them there is no one like our God, and we should praise Him. Use colored permanent markers to write this week's memory verse reference on the rock.

RESEARCH

In 1 Samuel 2:8, Hannah says, *"For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them He has set the world."* God is the creator and owner of this world. He takes care of us, and we can praise Him for that!

Help your child look up a photo of what Earth looks like in space. No one and nothing could create such a planet but our God. He is worthy of our praise.

SING



Listen to this playlist to give thanks to God all week long!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**

 **COLORING PAGE**



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NAME: _____