

Hannah & Samuel

1 Samuel 1-2

Story:

★ Introduction & Story:

Last week we talked about Ruth, a woman who chose to follow God and then God made her the great-grandmother of King David and eventually a great-great-great and so grandma of Jesus. Ruth lived when there were judges in Israel. Today's story is about a man named Samuel who serves as the last judge in Israel and helps find the first kings of Israel. Here is the story of Hannah (his mom) and Samuel.

There was a man named Elkanah. He lived in the hill country of Ephraim. Because Elkanah loved the Lord, he would go to the city of Shiloh every year to worship and offer sacrifices. At that time, Shiloh was the city where Jews went to worship. It was about 20 miles from Ephraim. His family would go with him and they would all worship together.

Elkanah's wife was Hannah. She was very sad because she did not have any children. She wanted to have a baby.

One year, when Hannah went with her husband to Shiloh, she went to the temple to pray. She was praying very earnestly for the Lord to give her a baby. She promised the Lord that if she could have a son, she would return him to Shiloh when he was old enough, so that he could serve the Lord all of his life.

Eli, the priest, saw Hannah. He noticed that her lips were moving but she did not speak aloud. He could tell that something was wrong. He spoke to Hannah, and she explained that she was very distressed and had been pouring out her troubles to the Lord in prayer.

Eli said, "Go in peace, and may the Lord give you what you have asked."

Hannah was no longer sad. She knew God was going to answer her prayer for a child.

Before another year passed, God gave Elkanah and Hannah a baby boy that they named Samuel, which means "asked of God."

When Samuel was old enough to help in the tabernacle, Hannah took him to Shiloh. She brought him to Eli the chief priest and told him that she was the woman he had talked to years before. God had given her Samuel because of her prayer. She told Eli that she had brought Samuel to him to serve in the tabernacle and that he would serve the Lord as long as he lived.

Each year when Hannah and Elkanah went to Shiloh to worship, Hannah brought a new robe for Samuel to wear.

God had been so good to Hannah to give her Samuel. Through the years, she had other children too. Hannah visited Samuel every year when she and Elkanah went to Shiloh to take their offerings and to worship.

- ★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:** Samuel grew up to be a priest - someone who helped Israelites serve and connect with God. He also grew up to be a judge - someone who helped Israelites follow God's laws. Eventually, he helped find the first kings of Israel. Sometimes God calls us to be obedient in little things and sometimes God calls us to be obedient in big ways. Because Hannah cried out to God, she was blessed with Samuel - someone God used in big ways.

Follow Up:

- ★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.
- ★ **Examine:**
- Comprehension Questions:
 - What was Hannah's prayer?
 - What did Hannah promise the Lord to do if He gave her a son?
 - Do you think Hannah was happy or sad when she took Samuel to the tabernacle? (While she would certainly miss Samuel, she had made a promise to God and was very happy that God had answered her prayers.)
 - Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?"
 - God answers prayers. Even if it isn't in our timing or our way, God does answer our prayers.
 - Ask, "What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?"
 - Humans need to pray. Even though God knows our hearts and desires, He wants us to pray to Him. He wants us to tell Him. Hannah did that and was blessed.
- ★ **Application:** Ask, "What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?"

- God is asking us to trust Him, to pray, and to honor Him. It's amazing that Hannah wanted a baby more than anything and she loved God so much that she gave this child back to God by having Him raised in the temple to serve God.

★ Prayer

Memory Verse Practice:

- ★ **Verse:** Psalm 145:18 - The Lord is near all who call out to him, all who call out to him with integrity.

Sticky Activities:

- ★ Make a prayer book. Trace child's hand in a closed position (to make it look like a prayer position) on construction paper stack of about 3 papers. Cut out. Hole punch and tie together with yarn. Then write "My Prayer Book" on the cover. Open up and have the child tell you what to fill it with!



★ Alternative prayer book directions

Option 1: Praying Hands

Supply List: construction paper, scissors, crayons, glue stick, stapler/staples, copy paper

Before Class: Gather supplies. Print and cut out papers that say "Bring your prayers to God" in a font that would fit in the palm of a child's hand. Make a sample craft.

Help children trace their hands onto a piece of construction paper. Children should cut the hands out, place them on top of each other, and create a hinge by stapling one side of the hands so they can open and shut. Have them open the hands and glue the message to the palm of one hand. Children can color the hands if time allows.

★ Coloring page

Send Home Page: See attached

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- Psalm 145:18

Book Chapter:Verses

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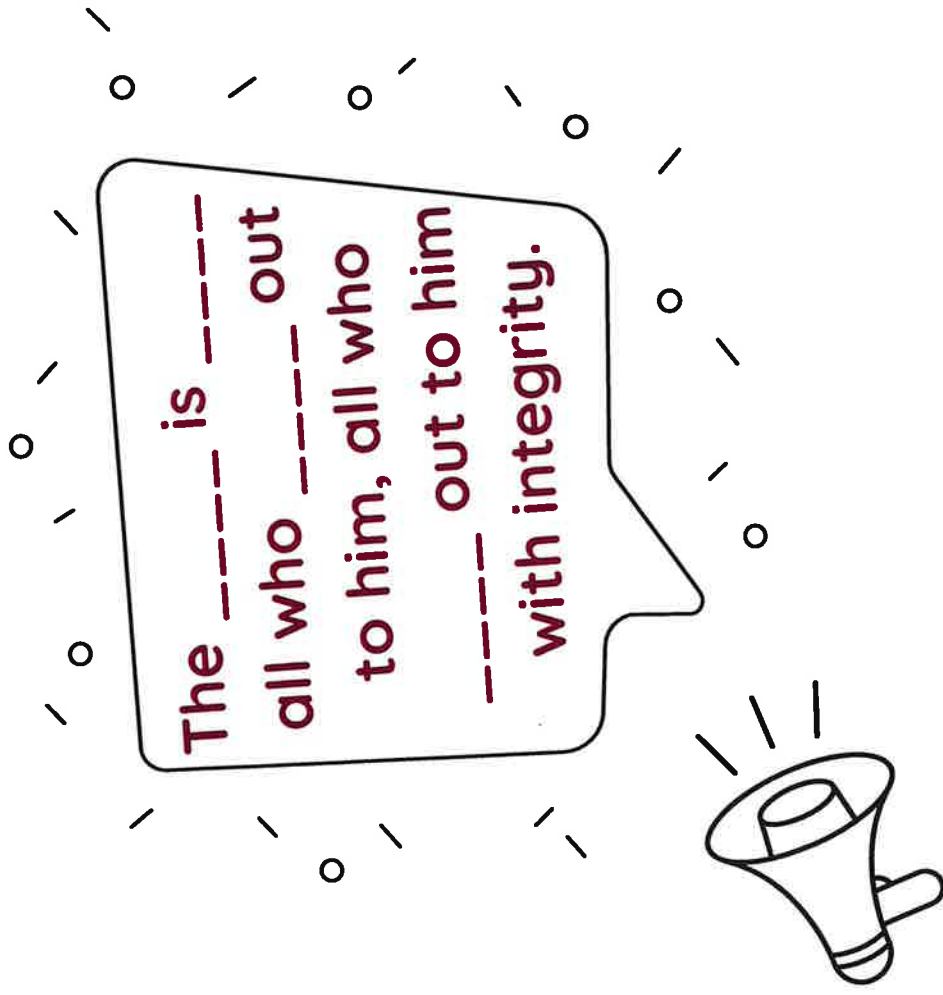
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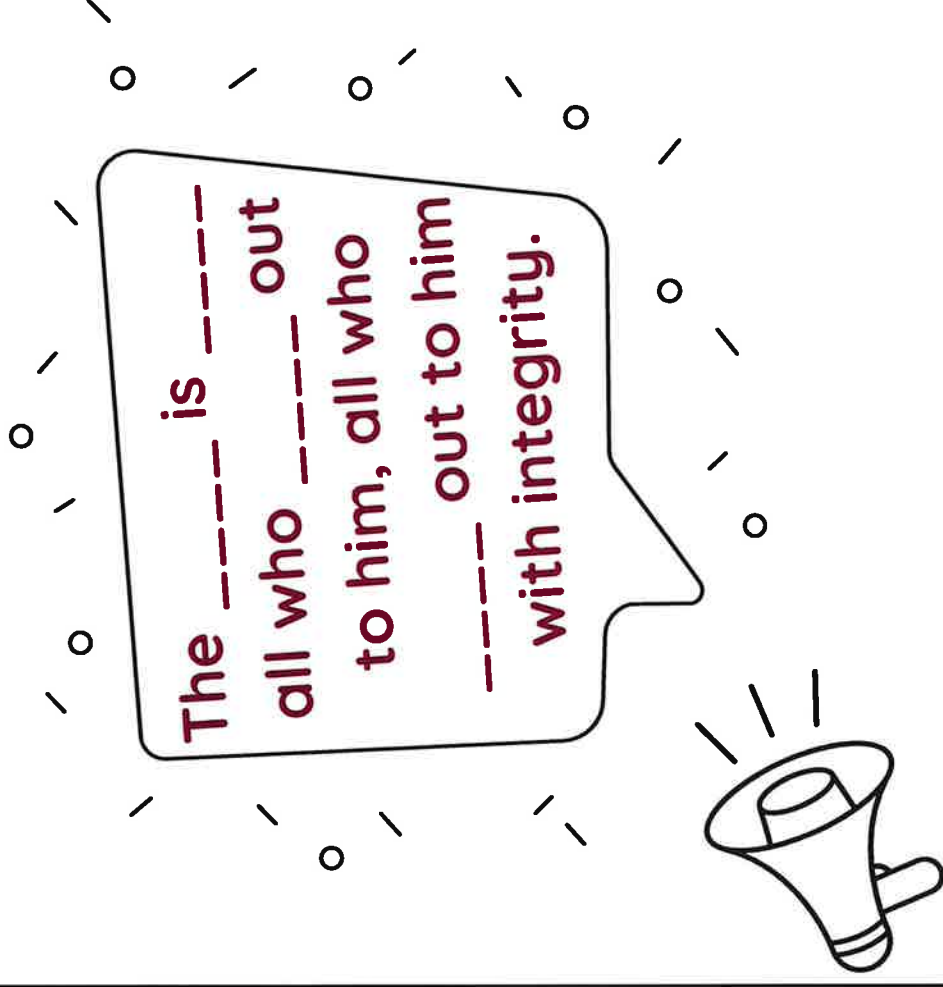
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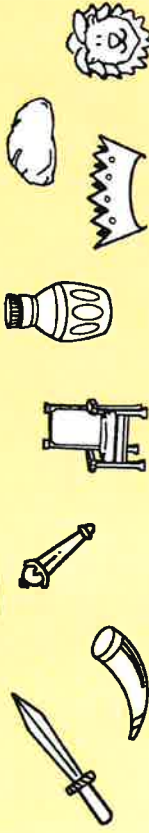


1 Samuel 1:7—2:11

God Answers Hannah's Prayer

God helps the king.

Find and circle the hidden objects in the picture.



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Hannah's Prayer

Hannah prayed,
"My heart is glad in the Lord."

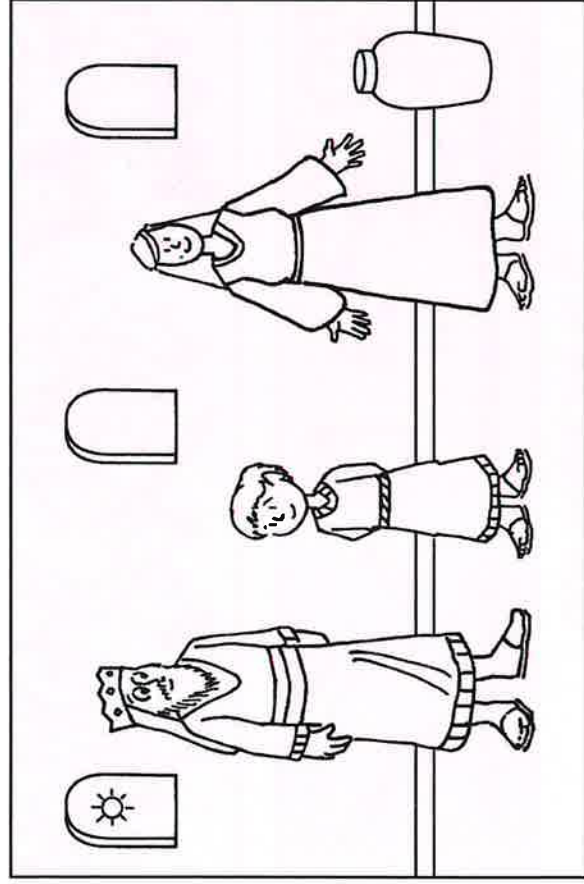
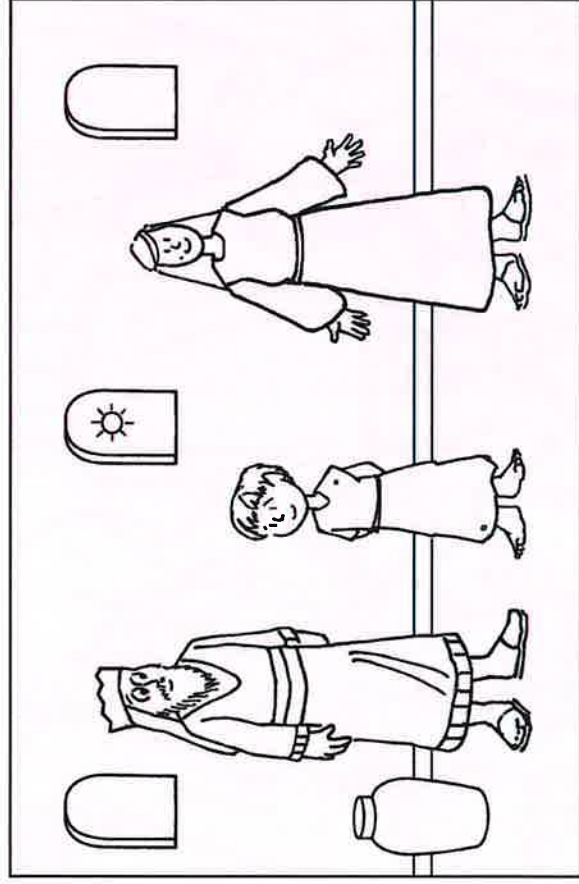
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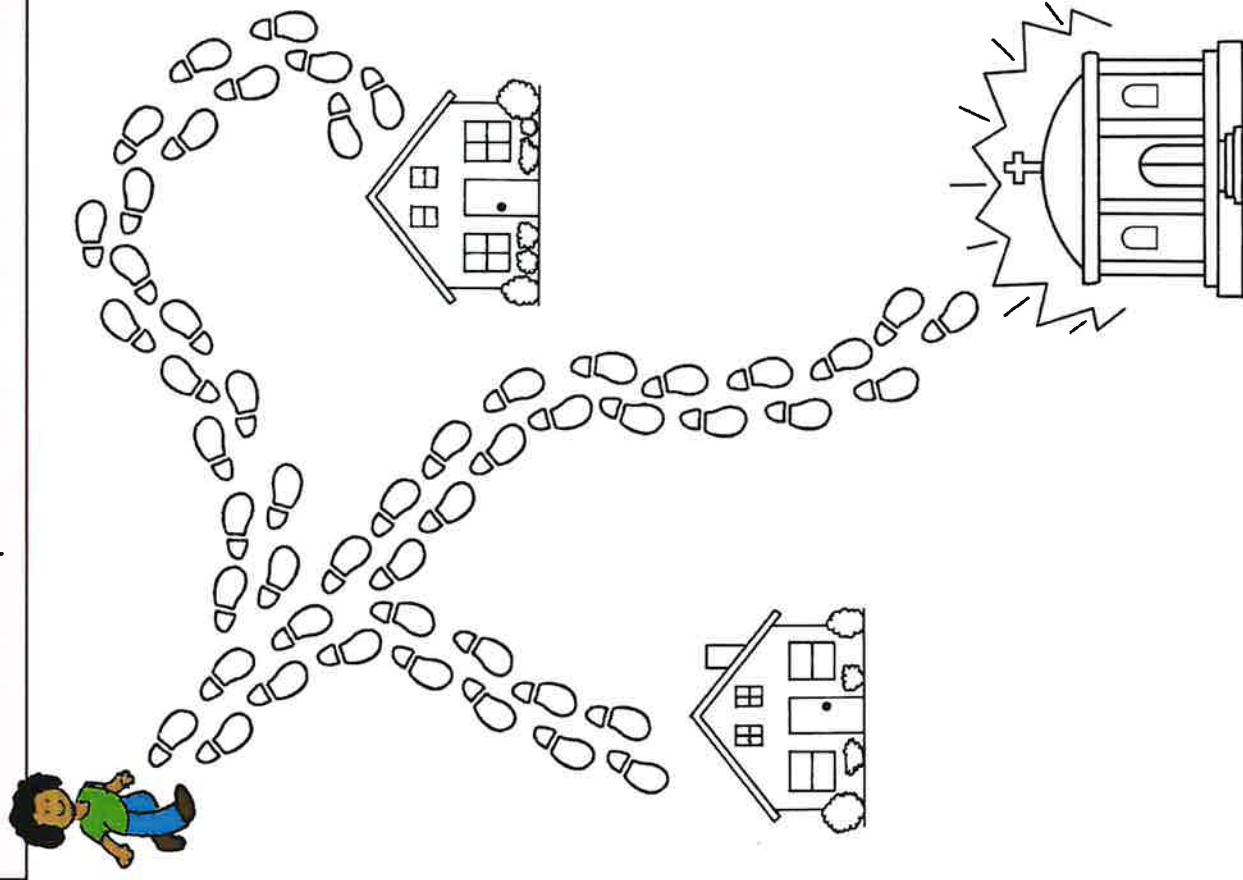
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God guides those who trust Him.

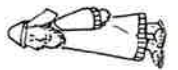
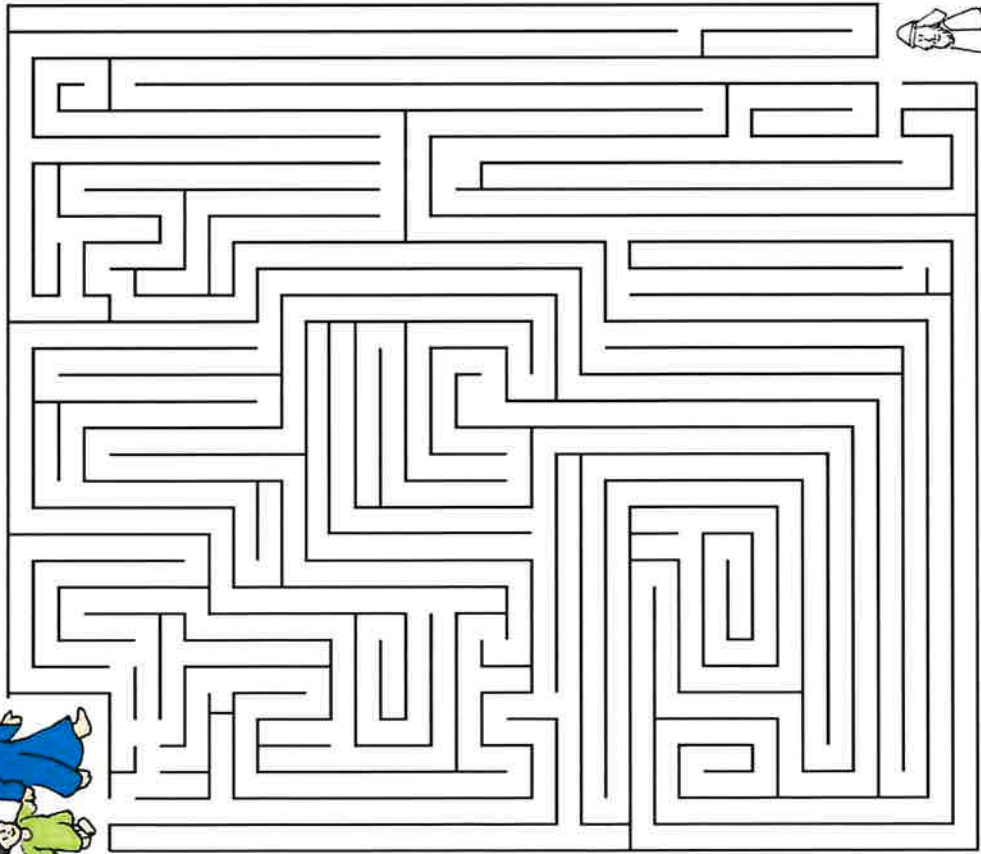
Follow the path to the House of God.





Hannah kept her promise to God.
Now Samuel could live with Eli.

Help Hannah take Samuel to Eli the priest.

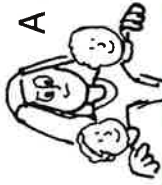


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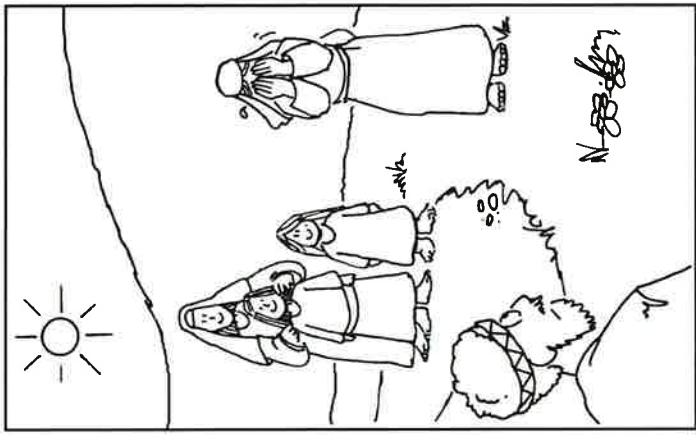
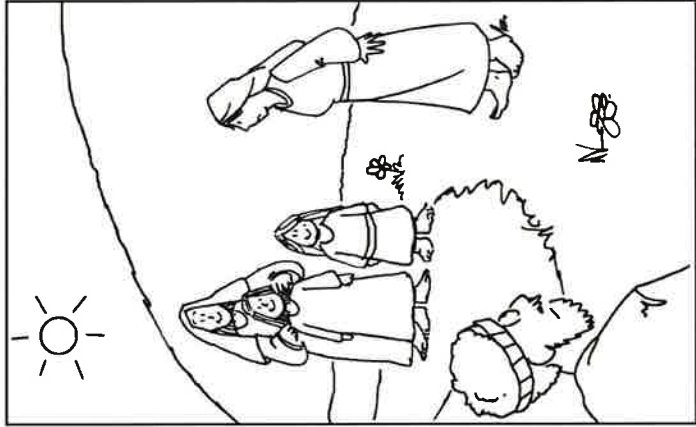
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The Birth of Samuel



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One of the wives could have children. The other couldn't.

Find the 10 differences in the pictures below.



What were the names of the two wives?

Add and subtract words and letters.

What was the wife's name who could have children?



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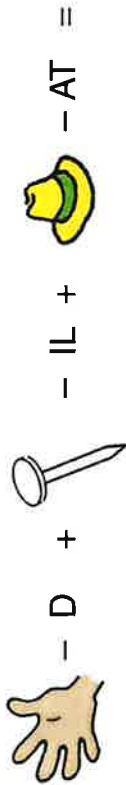
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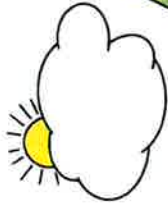
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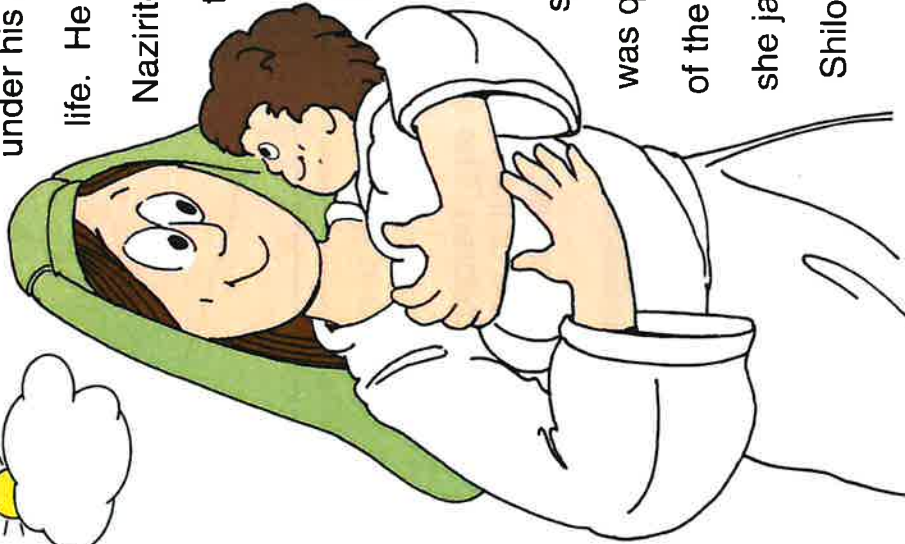
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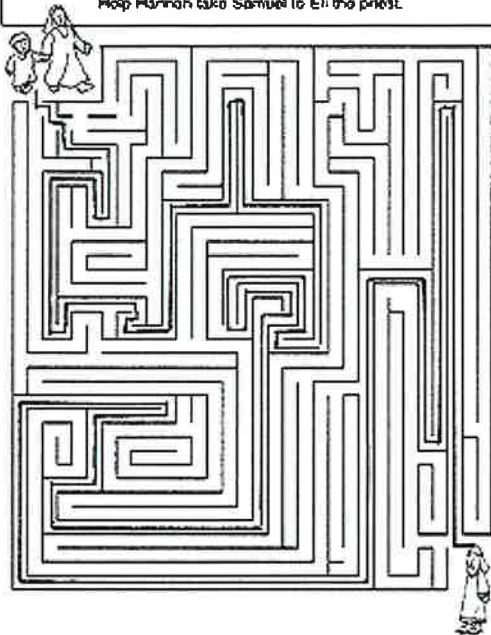
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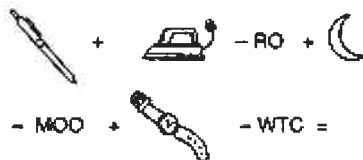
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