

Parents do many things for their children, and as their children grow they teach them how to do many things for themselves. They do this because they love them. Have you said thank you to your parents recently?

Find these things that parents do and teach.

Prepare food and feed, change nappies, wash, dress and tie shoes; teach habits like when to sleep and eat and how to tidy up; drive places, buy clothes and toys and many more things.

Even children are known by the way they act, whether their conduct is pure, and whether it is right.

Proverbs 20:11_{NLT}

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Y M A N Y I V E T R S A I N H
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Hannah's Prayer

Sabbath

In our church it is common for new parents to bring their baby to be dedicated to God.

The pastor holds the baby in front of all the church and prays for the baby and the parents. What does the pastor pray for? Use the code to find out.

That God will give the parents...

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Refer: 1 Samuel 1; 2:18-21, 26 NLT; Patriarchs and Prophets p569-574; The Bible Story vol3 p145-148

Sunday

Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. God's plan was for each man to have one wife, but the Israelites sometimes followed the custom of other people and married more wives; sometimes they did this to have more children. The Bible doesn't say if this is why Elkanah had two wives but it might have been because Hannah had not been able to have children.

Every year the family would travel to the Sanctuary at Shiloh to offer sacrifices and while there they would have a feast. It was here that Peninnah would torment Hannah the most, teasing her because God had not allowed her to have children. Then Hannah would leave the feast in tears. Elkanah would say to her, "Don't be sad. You have me— isn't that better than having ten sons?" But it did not help.

One day when this happened, Hannah left the feast and went to the Sanctuary. She was crying and praying and she said, "O God, if you will give me a son, then I will give him back to you; he will work for You for his entire lifetime."

Eli the priest saw her lips moving but heard no sound; he thought she must be drunk. "Must you come here drunk?" he demanded.

"Oh no!" she replied. "I haven't been drinking, I was praying to the Lord."

Then Priest Eli said, "Go in peace! May the God of Israel give you what you have asked of Him."



Friday

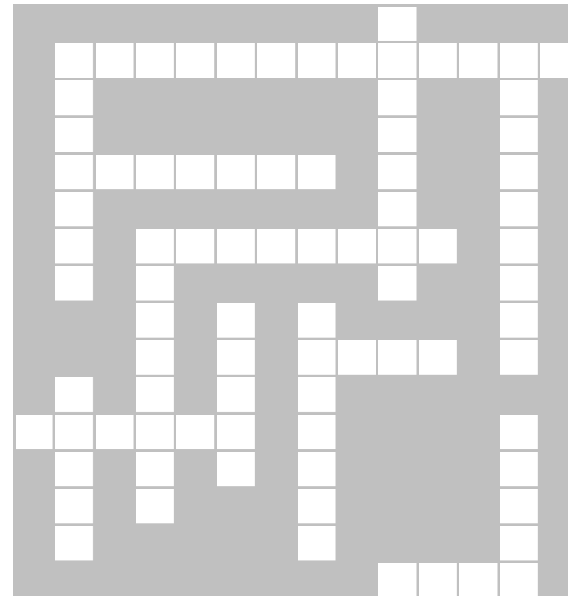
What should you do when you find yourself coveting? When you really want a toy like your friend, or a bike like your neighbour, or something you saw in a shop or anything from the list you made yesterday?

Fill in the missing words from 1 John 1:9_{NLT}, "But if we _____ our _____, He is _____ and just and will _____ us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18_{NLT}, "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

Corrie Ten Boon in "The Hiding Place," (©1971 Hodder and Stoughton), writes of her time in a prison camp during World War Two. The prison barracks was infested with fleas and although they didn't feel very thankful, they said thankyou to God anyway. Some time later, they found out that the guards never searched the dorms because of the fleas; as a result they were

able to keep a hidden Bible, to read and encourage themselves and the other prisoners in the barracks. When they found that out they really were thankful for fleas and didn't covet for clean beds any longer. Fit the missing words and the underlined words into the grid.



Thursday

Today, more than ever before, people are coveting things they do not have. The TV, magazines, newspapers, shops, almost everywhere you look, you will see advertising trying to convince you that you have to have whatever they sell to make life easier and more happy. Satan is using all these things to try and trap you into coveting.

There is a saying, "You can't buy happiness." Although the things that you buy can make you feel happy for a while, the kind of happiness they bring does not last. In fact, 1Timothy 6:10^{NIV} says, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

Rewrite the 10th Commandment by putting in things that you would be tempted to covet. Remember that when Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan, He showed that everyone is your neighbour, your real neighbour, the people you see at school, at the park, at church, on the street, everywhere.

I must not covet my neighbour's _____

or _____

or _____

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or anything that belongs to my neighbour.

Monday

When they returned home, Hannah found she was pregnant, the Lord had remembered her plea, and when it was time, she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which means "I asked the Lord for him."

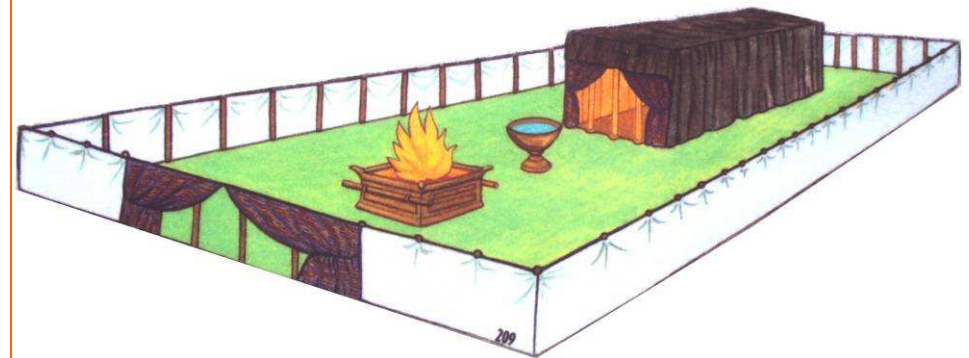


The next year when the family went to the Sanctuary, Hannah stayed home. She told her husband, "I will wait until the boy is old enough and then I will take him to the Sanctuary to stay."

When Samuel was old enough to stay by himself, Hannah took him to the Sanctuary. Hannah asked Priest Eli, "Do you remember me? You thought I was drunk, but I was praying to God, I asked for a son and He granted my request; now I am giving him to the Lord."

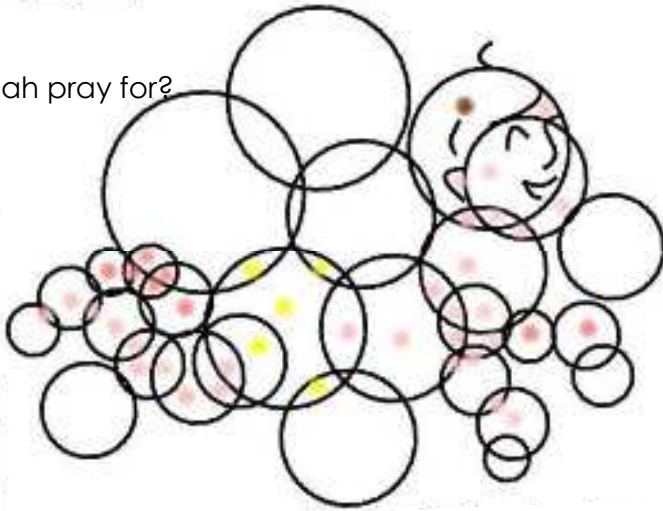
So Samuel stayed with Priest Eli at the Sanctuary and each year his mother made a new coat for him and brought it when she came with her husband for the sacrifice.

God also blessed Hannah with three more sons and two daughters.



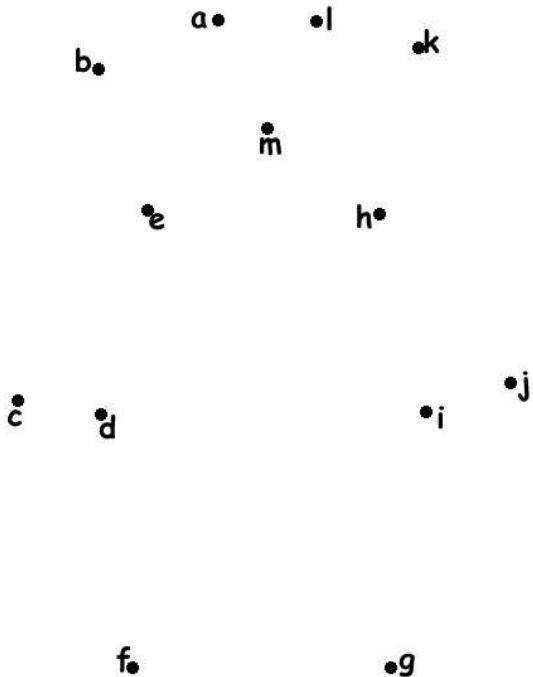
Tuesday

What did Hannah pray for?



What gift did Hannah bring Samuel when she came to visit him at the Sanctuary each year?

Back in those days, the only job a woman could hold was being a wife and mother.



It was very important for a man to have children, particularly sons who would grow up to help look after the family property and business and look after the parents in their old age.

A woman without children did not feel valuable; she was like a person without a purpose in life.

Wednesday

How did Elkanah feel about Hannah?

1 Samuel 1:5^{NIV}, "But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he _ _ _ _ (2 down) her..." The NLT Bible says a "choice portion" and the NASB Bible says a "worthy portion."

And although Hannah must have loved Elkanah, she really wished to have a child; this made Peninah's teasing very hard to take. Peninah would make fun of her, especially when they went to the Sanctuary, until Hannah "would not even _ _ _ (10d)" verse 7^{NLT}.

Peninah was probably jealous because Elkanah showed his special love to Hannah by giving her a double portion at the feast and only giving Peninah one portion for herself.

Now if Elkanah had only had one wife, the family would have been a much happier one; at least these days, polygamy - the practice of having more than one wife - is not generally accepted. But people still suffer from jealousy, and from wanting what they don't have.

Have you ever wanted something so bad that you felt like it was making you sick? God warns against this in the 10th Commandment. Look it up in Exodus 20:17^{NLT}

"You must not _ _ _ _ (4a) your neighbour's _ _ _ _ (8a). You must not _ _ _ _ (1d) your neighbour's _ _ _ _ (7d), male or female _ _ _ _ (5a), _ _ (3a) or _ _ _ _ (9a) or _ _ _ _ (6d) else that belongs to your neighbour."

