

HANNAH'S FAMILY WORSHIPED GOD

BABIES
UNIT 2
SESSION 3

LEADER BIBLE STUDY



CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

What comes to mind when you think of the word *worship*? Perhaps you recall a service where you gathered in praise with other believers. Maybe you remember a time when you felt especially near the Lord and were overwhelmed by His presence. Often, we think of worship in selfish terms—how it makes us feel. When in reality, worship is about praising God for who He is.

Hannah understood the heart of worship. The Hebrew word for *worship*, *shachah*, means “to bow down, prostrate oneself.” The word literally means to stoop low in reverence to a superior. As Hannah worshiped, she bowed her broken heart before God and begged Him for a son.

Eli, the high priest, did not recognize her anguish and accused her of drunkenness. Although despondent, Hannah continued to pour out her soul to the Lord. Her worship was directed to an audience of One. Nothing would distract her from worshiping.

Tucked inside of Hannah’s worship was a promise. Should God bless her with a son, she would return him to the Lord for “all the days of his life.” Later, when God answered her prayer, Hannah lived up to her promise. She dedicated Samuel to the Lord and left him with Eli. Samuel served in the tabernacle and “grew up in the presence of the LORD” (1 Samuel 2:21). Samuel recognized God’s voice and committed to following Him (1 Samuel 3). Hannah and her family’s commitment to worship at Shiloh led to a great blessing for their family and for God’s people.

God loves when families worship and pray together. As you pray this week, let Hannah’s story inspire you to bow before the Lord in true and honest worship. Consider spending time in prayer with your family members. Pray for God’s will to play out in your family. Spend extra time praying for any unsaved family members.

TEACHER TIP

It is developmentally normal for babies to cry in the six-month to a year old age range. Babies are becoming more aware of their surroundings and their parents separating from them. Soothe a baby with books, music, or a quick walk in the hall.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God loves families.

LIFE POINT

God has a plan for each family.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

1 Samuel 1; 2:19

BIBLE VERSE

Teach your child the right ways.
Proverbs 22:6

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