

## Lesson 96: God Answers Hannah's Prayer

[1 Samuel 1:1-28](#)

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/kpGeQiwEii4>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/DQQPXgmkSWQ>

**Worship Theme:** God answers prayer.

**Memory Verse:** "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. I Will Follow Jesus <https://youtu.be/aasilZXGorc>
2. God Sent His Son <https://youtu.be/eDsWfEtrnS0>
3. God Never Fails Us <https://youtu.be/uVqBqBENPi4>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Hold Your Breath!"



1. Divide the children into 2 groups and separate them with a line in between them.
2. Select representatives for each group to play rock, paper, scissors. If they win, they have to say "Ooh..." without stopping and run to tag someone from the other team. If they run out of breath, then the other team members can tag them and they lose.
3. Each team can try to trap the person who comes to tag them while saying "Ooh.." to make them run out of breath.
4. At the end of the game, the team that has more people in their group wins the game.
5. After the game, ask the children if it was hard to say "Ooh..." without running out of breath. Explain to the children that praying is like breathing for Christians. So we must always pray in order to stay connected to God.

### Introduction:

Before you go to school, what do you ask for from your parents? You ask for money so that you can buy snacks from the snack shops inside of the school. But if you don't get money from your parents, what do you do? Some children may whine, some would cry, and some may ask for money from their father or grandparents. There was a woman in the Bible who asked God for a son through a prayer. Prayer is talking to God. Today, let's learn about a woman in the bible whose prayer was answered by God.

### Bible Story:

The Bible tells a story about a woman named Hannah. She was married to a man named Elkanah who loved her very much. In the Old Testament time, it was very important for married women to have children. Unfortunately, although Hannah prayed to God, God did not bless her with a child. She was very sad that God was not answering her prayer.

Every year, Elkanah and his family went to the house of the Lord in Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to God. Eli was the priest. When Hannah went to the temple, she prayed to God again for a child, and she promised God that if God gave her a son, she will give him to God to serve God all the days of his life. She prayed so hard that Priest Eli thought she was drunk! When Eli heard Hannah's story, he told her to go home in peace and to trust God.

Do you think God answered her prayer? Yes! She became pregnant and gave birth to a son named Samuel. Because she promised to offer her son to serve God all the days of his life, when Samuel was old enough, she took him to Priest Eli. Samuel lived at the house of the Lord in Shiloh from then on.

The story of Hannah shows us that God always answers prayer, but sometimes we have to wait and keep praying for the answer to come. We don't know how or when God will answer. Don't get discouraged if you don't get an answer right away. God might be saying no, or he may just be saying wait. Don't give up when you pray for something and don't get an immediate answer. God always does what's best for us. God loves us and wants to build our faith. He wants us to trust him. The Bible tells us that God always answers prayer.

**Questions to discuss:**

1. What was Hannah's prayer request? (She wanted a child)
2. Did God answer her prayers immediately? (No, she had to wait)
3. Why do you think God doesn't always answer our prayers immediately? (God knows what's best for us. We have to trust that God knows the best timing for us to answer our prayers)
4. What did Hannah promise God if he answered her prayer? (She promised to give her son to God to serve God)
5. Is it important to keep the promise we make to God in our prayers? (Yes, it is very important!)

**Game: "Pray, Dance, Thank God, or Laugh"**

**Material needed:** 4 sheets of paper that says "prayer," "dance," "thank God," and "laugh."



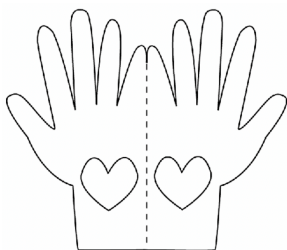
1. Teacher will tape the 4 sheets of paper with different words on 4 walls of the room.
2. Children will dance around a chair (or a table) with music, and when the music stops, the children run to a wall of their choice.
3. Then the children need to follow the word on the wall. For example, if they're at a wall that says "Pray," then they need to pray. If they're at a wall that says "Dance," then they need to dance.
4. Give them 1 minute and continue to play this game.
5. After the game, explain to the children that God always answers our prayers, even if we have to wait. Remember, God saying "no" to our prayer is also an answer. We must trust God and obey him.

**Memory Verse:**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

**Craft: "I Am Praying for You"**

**Materials Needed:** Print praying hands (see below), crayons, scissors



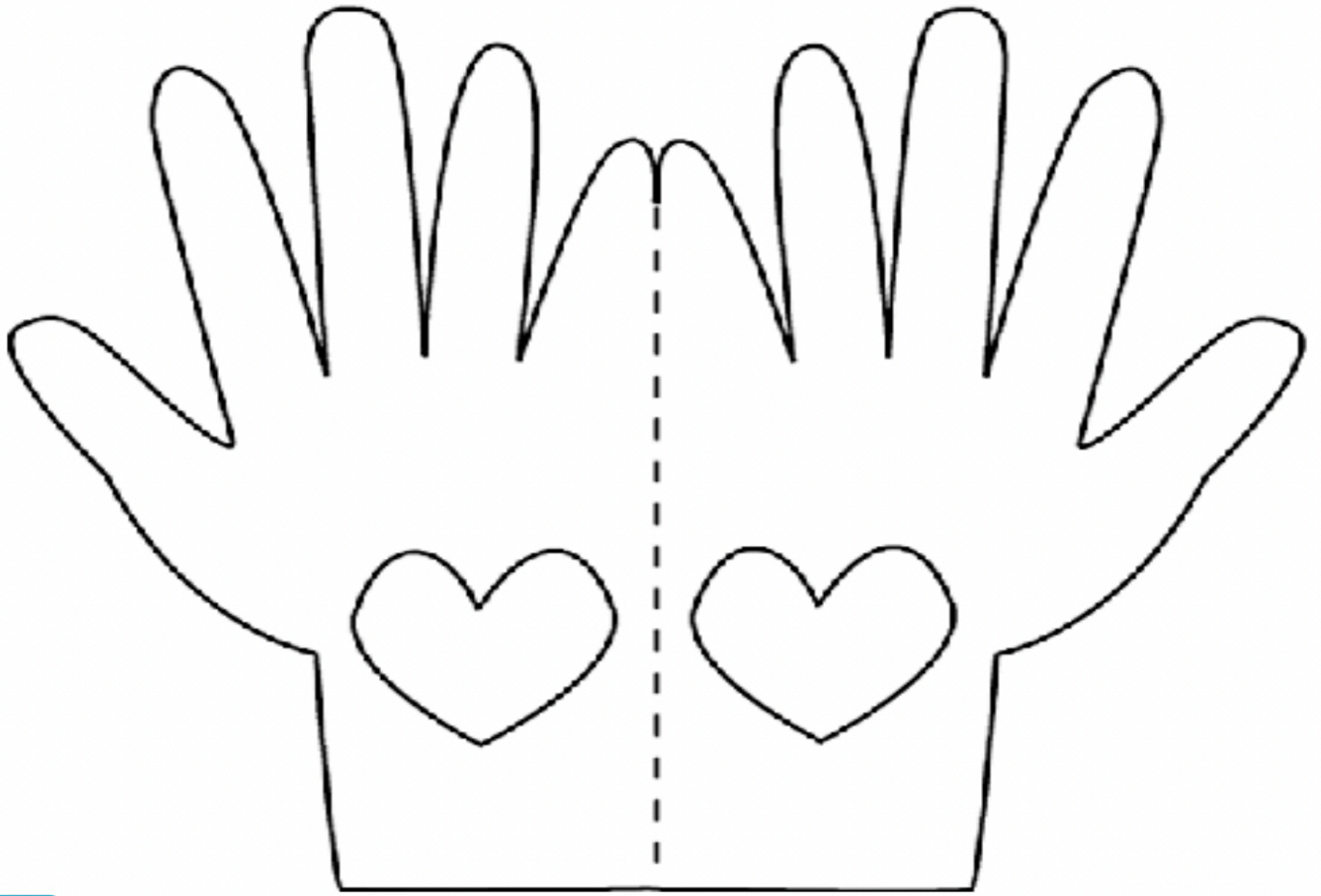
1. Cut out the praying hands and decorate it.
2. Ask children to choose a person they want to give the card to. This can be someone you want to pray for.
3. Inside the hands, write a note to a person. You can write, "I pray for your health" or "I pray for your happiness" or "I pray for your salvation."
4. Encourage the children to give it to their special person.
5. Remind the children that God always answers our prayers!

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

**Pray**

**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**  
 We all experience pain and sadness, and Jesus experienced those things, too. We can always know that he's right there with us, listening and answering our prayers. Reread 1 Samuel 1:12- 20. How does God respond to us when we cry out in anguish and grief? What sadness, pain, or grief do you need to pour out to God? It's great to know we serve a God who cares about our sufferings. Turn to God, and leave your pain with him today.

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