



## 4. Bible Study

### Hannah Thanks and Praises God: 1 Samuel 1:9-20

**Set Up:** Have the materials ready to put together a mobile as you tell the story. Cut out the pictures of Hannah, the temple, and the baby from the “Lesson Reproducibles” section. Punch a hole at the top of each one. Cut three pieces of string about five inches long each. As you tell the story, tie a piece of string to the picture you’re talking about and then to the straw or stick.

**Preparing to Listen:** Have the J. B. Beaver puppet prepare the boys to listen by assigning these questions to specific boys: (1) Why was Hannah sad? (2) Why did the priest think there was something wrong with Hannah? (3) What did Hannah do when God answered her prayer?

**Commander Says:** Elkanah had two wives: Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah did not. It made Hannah very sad that she didn’t have any children. Peninnah laughed at Hannah and made fun of her because she did not have any babies. Hannah loved God and talked to Him about her sadness. One day she was at the temple praying to God. *(Add the Hannah picture to the mobile.)* She asked Him to give her a son. A priest named Eli saw her praying hard. Her lips were moving as she spoke to God, but she was not making any sounds. *(Add the temple picture to the mobile.)* When Eli found out why Hannah was praying, he prayed for her too. Then he told her to go home. God had heard her prayer, and He answered. She had a son. *(Add the baby picture to the mobile.)* What do you think Hannah did? Hannah thanked and praised God.

**Review:** Have the J. B. Beaver puppet ask the boys the questions they were assigned. Let the boys answer the questions according to what they heard in the story. Ask the boys, “What kinds of things can you thank and praise God for?”

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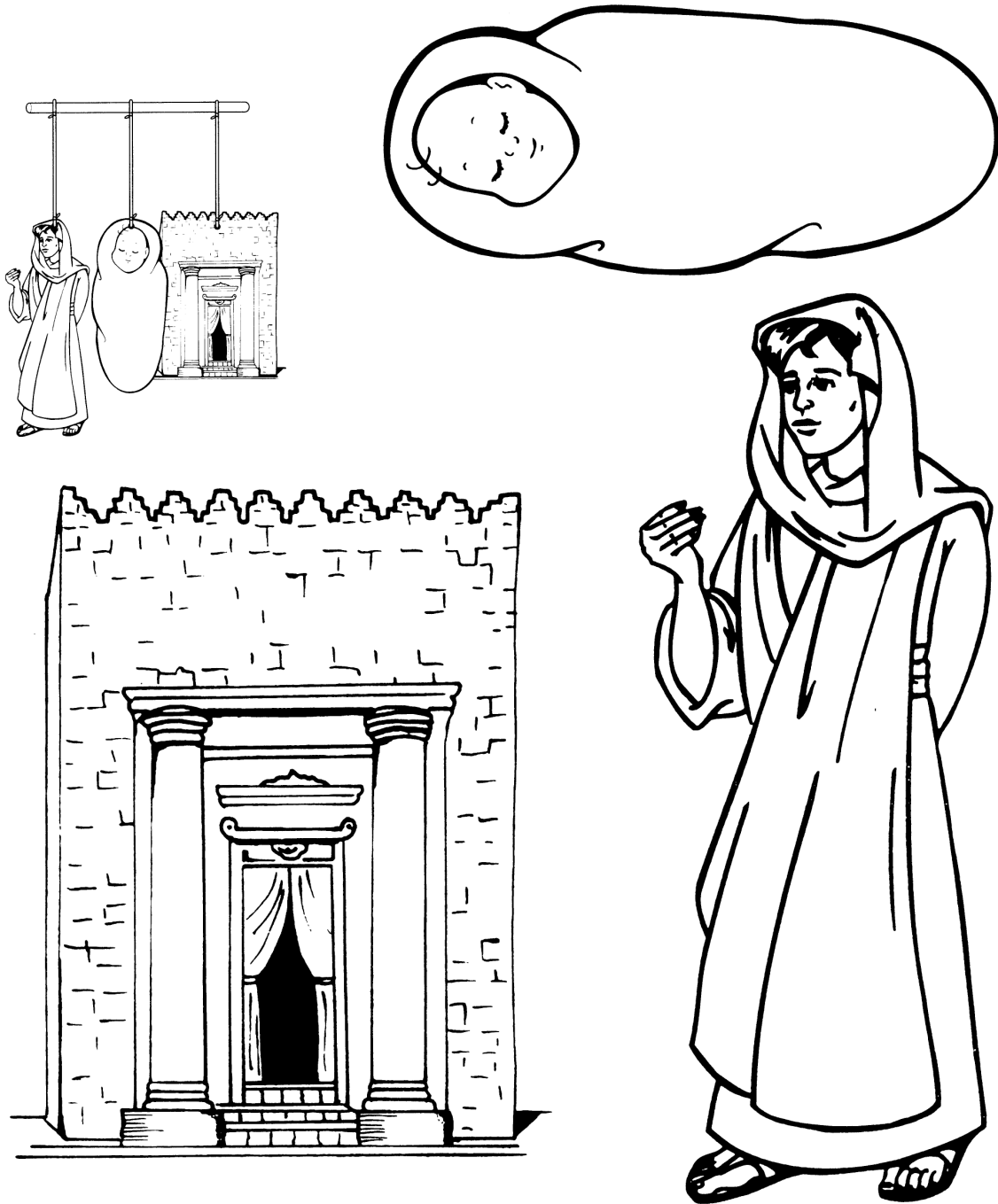
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