

The Mother's Day Left Right Game

Hannah's story · pass the gift LEFT or RIGHT every time you hear the word

How to play: sit in a circle, each player holding a small wrapped gift. The leader reads the story slowly. Every time you hear **LEFT**, pass your gift to the left. Every time you hear **RIGHT**, pass it to the right. When the story ends, the gift in your hands is yours to keep!
This is a retelling for a game; the Bible references show where each part comes from.

Get ready! Hold your gift **RIGHT** in front of you, and listen to the story of Hannah, a mother who prayed.

Every year, a man named Elkanah **LEFT** his city with his family to worship the LORD at Shiloh. His wife Hannah had no children. Year after year, she wept and did not eat. (1 Samuel 1:1–7)

One year at Shiloh, after they had eaten, Hannah **LEFT** to pray. Eli the priest sat **RIGHT** by a post of the house of the LORD. Hannah prayed and wept, and she made a promise: if God would give her a son, she would give him to the LORD all the days of his life. (1 Samuel 1:9–11)

Hannah prayed in her heart. Her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. She told Eli she had poured out her soul before the LORD. Then Eli said, "Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him." (1 Samuel 1:12–17)

Hannah **LEFT**, and the Bible says her countenance was no more sad. Early the next morning, the family worshipped the LORD, and then they **LEFT** for their home in Ramah. (1 Samuel 1:18–19)

And the LORD remembered Hannah! She had a baby boy and named him Samuel, "Because I have asked him of the LORD." (1 Samuel 1:19–20)



When it was time for the yearly trip, Elkanah **LEFT** for Shiloh, but Hannah stayed home with little Samuel until he was weaned. Elkanah told her, "Do what seemeth thee good." *(1 Samuel 1:21–23)*

Then Hannah kept her promise. She and Samuel **LEFT** home and went up to the house of the LORD in Shiloh, and the child was young. She brought him **RIGHT** to Eli. *(1 Samuel 1:24–25)*

Hannah said, "For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him." She lent Samuel to the LORD for as long as he lived. *(1 Samuel 1:26–28)*

Then Hannah prayed, and said, "My heart rejoiceth in the LORD." *(1 Samuel 2:1)*

Still holding on? There's more of the story **LEFT**!

Elkanah went home to Ramah, and the child Samuel stayed and served the LORD before Eli the priest. Every year Hannah made Samuel a little coat. She brought it **RIGHT** to him when she came up with her husband to worship. *(1 Samuel 2:11, 19)*

God gave Hannah three more sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew, and he was in favour with the LORD and with people. *(1 Samuel 2:21, 26)*

Hannah asked God, and God answered her. You can talk to God too, **RIGHT** now or any time. Moms and grandmas who pray for us are a gift from God! *(1 Samuel 1:27)*

Pass your gift one last time to the **LEFT**... and whatever you are holding **RIGHT** now is yours to keep. Happy Mother's Day!