Hannah's Prayer

A 5-minute Mother's Day skit · a narrator reads 1 Samuel 1–2 (KJV), children act it out

Parts: Narrator (an adult or strong reader) · Hannah · Elkanah, her husband · Eli the priest · Samuel (a small child, no lines) · Family and worshippers (any number). **Lines in bold** are said by the children. Everything the narrator reads in quotation marks is the King James Bible.

Scene 1: Hannah prays at Shiloh

Eli sits on a chair by a post of the house of the LORD. Elkanah, Hannah and the family walk in together. Hannah kneels a little way off.

Narrator: "And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore."

Hannah: Lord, please hear my prayer! *(She folds her hands and bows her head.)*

Narrator: "And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head."

Narrator: "Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him." *(Eli stands and lifts his hand toward Hannah.)*

Narrator: "So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad." *(Hannah smiles and walks back to Elkanah.)*

Scene 2: Samuel is born

Hannah sits with the baby doll in her arms. Elkanah stands beside her.

Narrator: "Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD."

Hannah: His name is Samuel!

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Scene 3: Hannah keeps her promise

Hannah sets down the doll and walks to Eli, holding the hand of the child who plays Samuel. Elkanah and the family follow.

Elkanah: Let's go up to Shiloh!

Narrator: "And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD."

Hannah: For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him.

Narrator: "Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there." *(Everyone bows their heads. Samuel stays by Eli.)*

Narrator: "And Hannah prayed, and said,"

Hannah: My heart rejoiceth in the LORD!

Scene 4: The little coat

Hannah, Elkanah and the family walk around the room once and come back to Eli and Samuel. Hannah carries the little coat.

Narrator: "Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice." *(Hannah holds the coat up to Samuel's shoulders.)*

Narrator: "And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men." *(Samuel stands up tall.)*

Finale

All the children: For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him. 1 Samuel 1:27!

The children walk out and give a verse card or a prayer card to their mom, grandma, or someone who cares for them like a mom.