

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***GOD ANSWERS HANNAH'S PRAYER***

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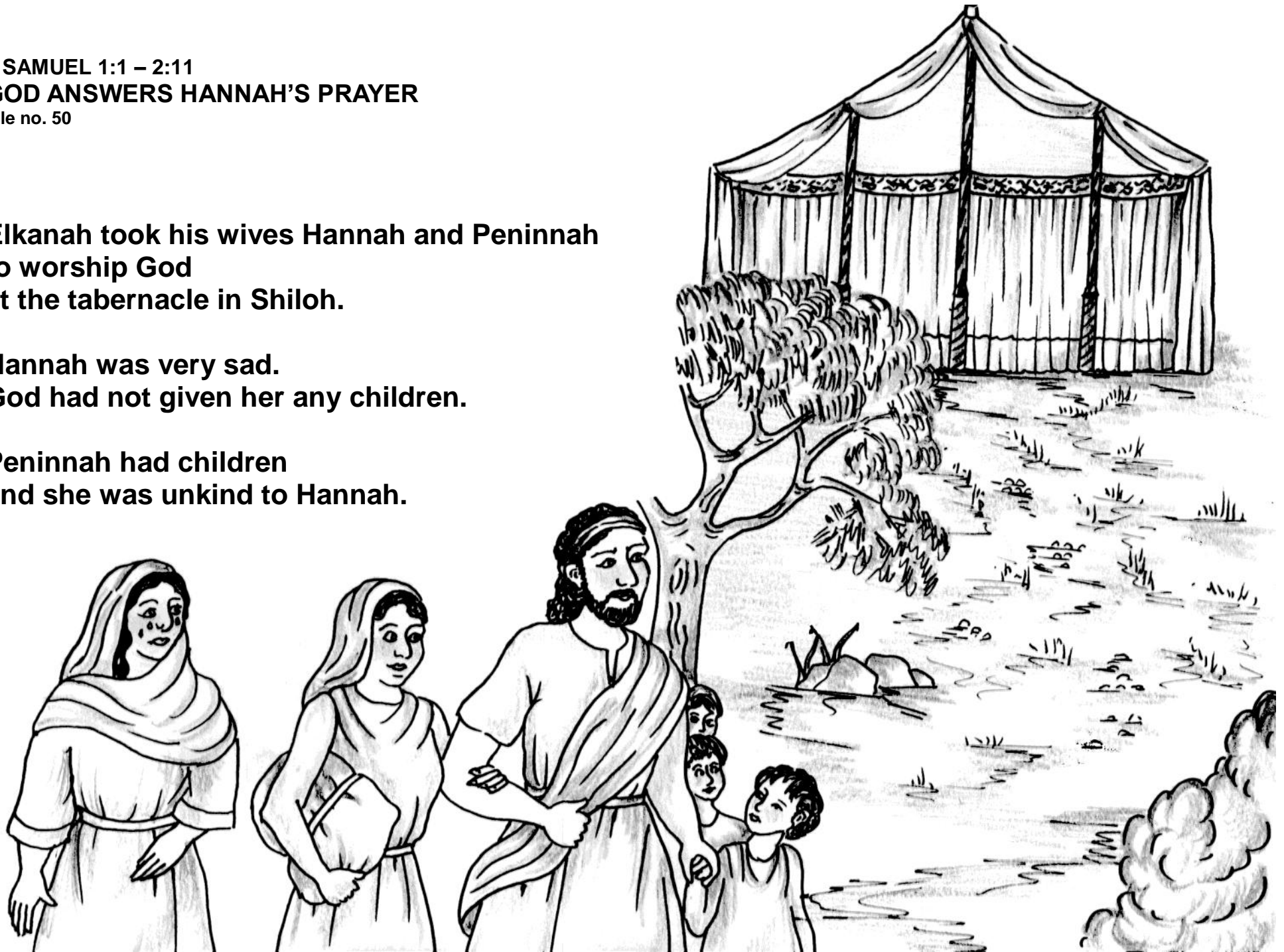
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**Elkanah took his wives Hannah and Peninnah  
to worship God  
at the tabernacle in Shiloh.**

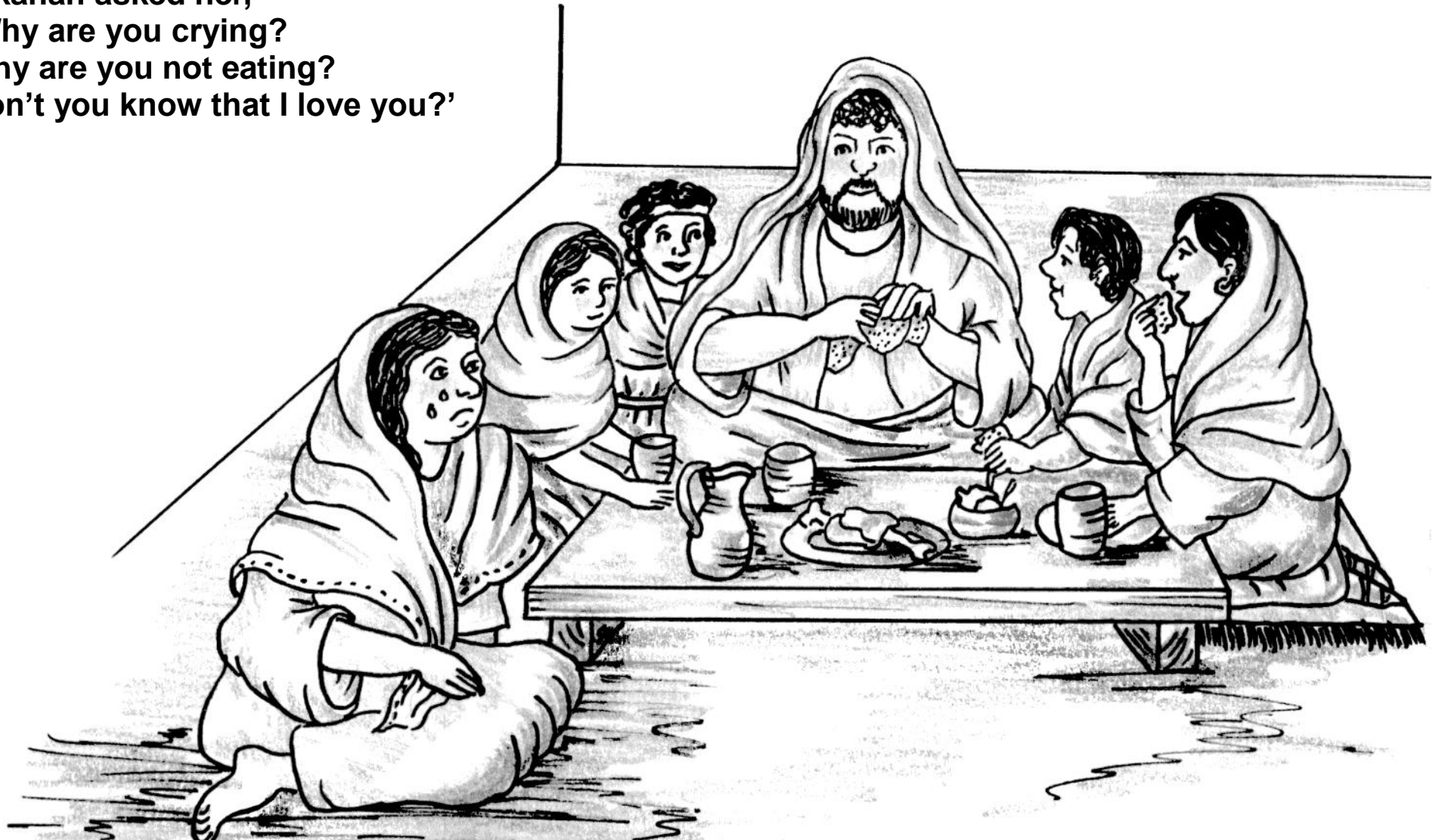
**Hannah was very sad.  
God had not given her any children.**

**Peninnah had children  
and she was unkind to Hannah.**



That night Hannah could not eat her dinner.  
She was sad.

Elkanah asked her,  
'Why are you crying?  
Why are you not eating?  
Don't you know that I love you?'



**Hannah got up from the table  
and went to the tabernacle.**

**She stood there and prayed,  
'O Lord God,  
please look at me in my trouble.  
If you will give me a son,  
I will give him back to you.  
As long as he lives,  
he will be Yours.'**

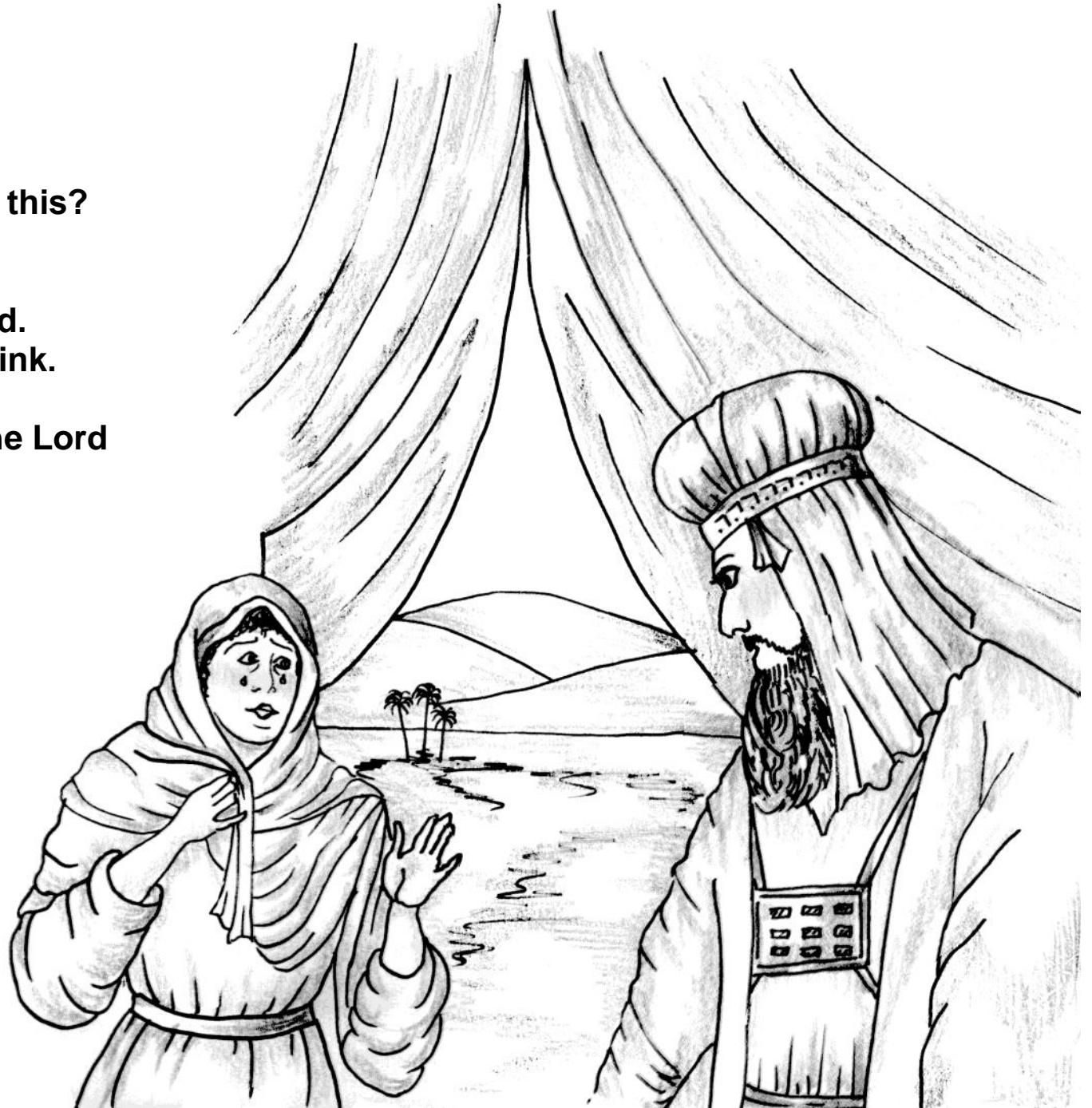
**Eli the priest  
was watching Hannah.  
He could see  
her mouth moving,  
but he could not  
hear anything.  
He thought  
she must be drunk.**



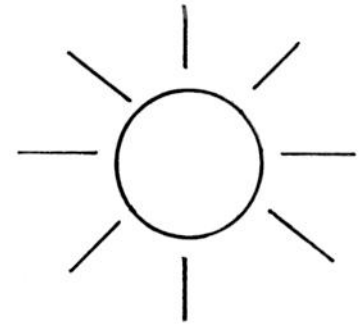
**Eli asked Hannah,  
'How long will you go on like this?  
Put away your strong drink!'**

**'Oh no, sir,' Hannah answered.  
'I have not had any strong drink.  
I am very sad,  
and I have been praying to the Lord  
with all my heart.'**

**'Go in peace,' said Eli kindly.  
'May the Lord give you all  
that you have asked of Him.'**



**Hannah went back  
to eat her food with the others.  
She was not sad any more.**





**The Lord remembered Hannah.  
He gave her a son.  
She named him Samuel,  
because she had asked  
the Lord for him.**

**The next year when Elkanah  
went to the tabernacle  
Hannah stayed home.**

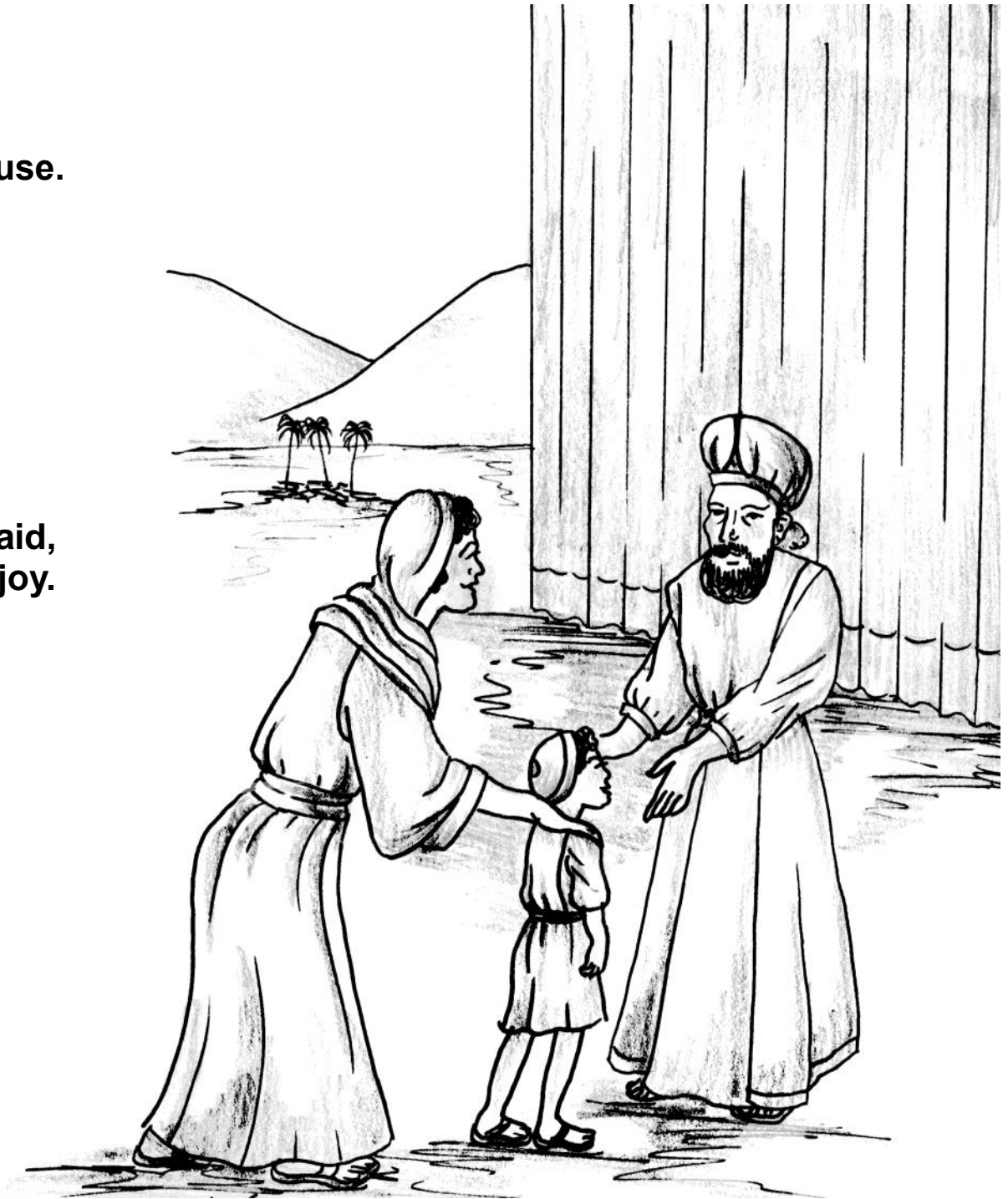
**She said,  
'When Samuel is old enough,  
I will take him to the tabernacle  
and give him to the Lord.  
He will live for God  
in God's house.'**



**A few years later Samuel  
was old enough to go to God's house.**

**Hannah said to Eli the priest,  
'I asked the Lord for this child  
and He answered my prayer.  
I am giving my son back to God.  
As long as he lives,  
he will belong to the Lord.'**

**Hannah gave thanks to God and said,  
'The Lord has filled my heart with joy.  
There is no God but you.  
The Lord is God  
and knows everything.  
He will judge the earth.'**





**Samuel grew up  
loving and serving the Lord.  
He lived in God's house  
with Eli the priest.**

