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| Lesson: | God Answers Prayer, September 8, 2019 |
| Bible Truth | Hannah, in deep despair, prays for a son and God answers her prayer. |
| Memory Verse: | 1 Samuel 1:17 New International Version (NIV) 17 Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." |
| Lesson Aim: | By the end of this lesson, we will: |
| RECALL | The story of Hannah's desperate longing for a child; |
| REFLECT | On longings for God to intervene in our lives; |
| PRAY | With confidence that God will provide what is best for us; |
| Life Need | Aim: Students who may be discouraged about unanswered prayer will continue to petition God. |
| Learning: | Aim: Students will be encouraged to bring their requests to God. |
| Application: | Aim: Believers will persist in bringing their petitions to God |
| Students' Response: | Aim: Students will remain confident that God answers prayers. |
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| Introduction | Petitioning God |
| Point One: | Pressing to Pray (1 Samuel 1:9-11) |
| Point Two: | Persecution to Peace (1 Samuel 1:12-20) |
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| Monday's | Daily Scripture: The Nazarite Vow (Numbers 6:1-5 , 13-15) Background Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10 |
| Tuesday's | Daily Scripture: O Lord Our God, you Answered (Psalms 99) Pressing to Pray (1 Samuel 1:9-11) |
| Question 1 | Prayer is essential in every Christian's life and relationship with God. What life lessons do we learn from Hannah's persistence to keep on praying? |
| Question 2 | Hannah pleads with God and makes a vow to give her son to the service of the Lord. Why would she pray for a child and then vow to give him away? |
| Light on the Word | Pray with Confidence After years and years of disappointment, why would Hannah believe that anything would change? Why does she continue to pray? Jesus explains in Luke 18:1-8 that the faith that gets answers is persistent faith in those who don't lose heart. We keep asking because no matter what, we still believe that God is able. How do we know if we're praying God's will? First, put the request through the James 4:3 test. Does the request line up with God's Word? If so, pray the Scriptures back to God . "Lord, you said..." Secondly, invite a prayer partner who knows how to get a prayer through to agree with you. Avoid the people who would rather talk about your request with others than to pray about your request with you. Now, pray with confidence, knowing that your Father hears you. (1 John 5:14-15) |
| Wednesday | Daily Scripture: Hannah is Childless and Suffering (1 Samuel 1:1-8) Persecution to Peace (1 Samuel 1:12-20) |
| Question 3 | Eli makes a hasty assumption about Hannah when he sees her praying silently. Why does Eli's reaction change so dramatically when Hannah corrects him (v.17)? |
| Question 4 | What does the lesson teach us about prayer? |
| Light on the Word | PRAY ANYHOW Does God only hear prayers that are prayed aloud? Or does God also hear silent prayers, the ones that are whispered from the altars of our hearts? Hannah understood that God's ears are open to our cries (Psalm 34:15). Like Hannah, we can be assured that it's not the volume of the voice but the cries of those who are crushed in spirit that arrest the heart of God (Psalm 34:17-18 AMP). Why pray? "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him (1 John 5:14-15). And, we have this guarantee, (Mark 11:24 AMP) |
| Thursday's | Daily Scripture: Elkanah Attends the Yearly Sacrifice (1 Samuel 1:21-23) |

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| Friday's | Daily Scripture: Samuel Is Dedicated to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:24-28) Dig Deeper: https://youtu.be/Uyk_TcdtXwM |
| Saturday's | Daily Scripture: Hannah Rewarded for Her Faithfulness (1 Samuel 2:18-21) |
| Sunday's | Daily Scripture: God Answers Hannah's Prayer (1 Samuel 1:9-20) Next Week's Lesson: Bread from Heaven (Exodus 16) |