



## Grown-ups Care for Samuel

This story is based on 1 Samuel 1:20, 26-27; 2:18-19, 26.

A woman named Hannah prayed for a baby. God gave her baby Samuel. (*Pretend to rock baby.*)

Hannah and her husband gave Samuel food to eat. (*Pretend to eat.*) They gave him clothes to wear. (*Pretend to dress.*) Baby Samuel grew tall. (*Raise hands to grow "so tall."*)

One day, Samuel went with his family to worship God. They went to a place like a church building, but it was in a tent. A man

named Eli was a man who worked for God. He stayed at the tent.

Samuel's mother said to Eli, "Samuel is growing up. It is time for him to help you."

Samuel did help Eli. And Eli helped Samuel learn about God.

Samuel grew and grew. Each year his mother made him a new coat. (*Pretend to sew.*)

Samuel's family took good care of him. And Eli did, too!

## Family Time



Use these activities throughout the week to review the Bible lesson as a whole family or individually with your child.

### Helping Hands

Help your child list the adults who care for him or her. Then your child can color a picture for each adult. Think together of a short thank-You prayer you can write at the bottom of each picture. Your child can give the picture and a big hug to each adult.

### Joyful Noise

Sing this action song as a family to the tune of "London Bridge." When the bridge comes down, the person who is caught should tell one way someone cares for them.

How do people care for you?  
Care for you, care for you?  
How do people care for you?  
Will you tell us?

### Snuggle Me

Read books about how characters care for others. You could read books about doctors caring for a sick child, a babysitter watching children, a

teacher helping children learn, or parents providing for their family.

## Bible Time

Use these Bible activities during family devotions or special Bible times you have with your preschooler.

### In God's Book

As you tell the Bible story have your child stop you each time someone cares for Samuel. When you are finished, talk about the ways that people care for you and your child.

### Let's Pray

Drape a blanket over a few chairs to make a tent like the one where Samuel and his family went to worship God. Crawl inside and thank God for the people who care for you.



#### LESSON FOCUS:

God gives us people who care for us.

#### BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

God will meet all your needs. Philippians 4:19

