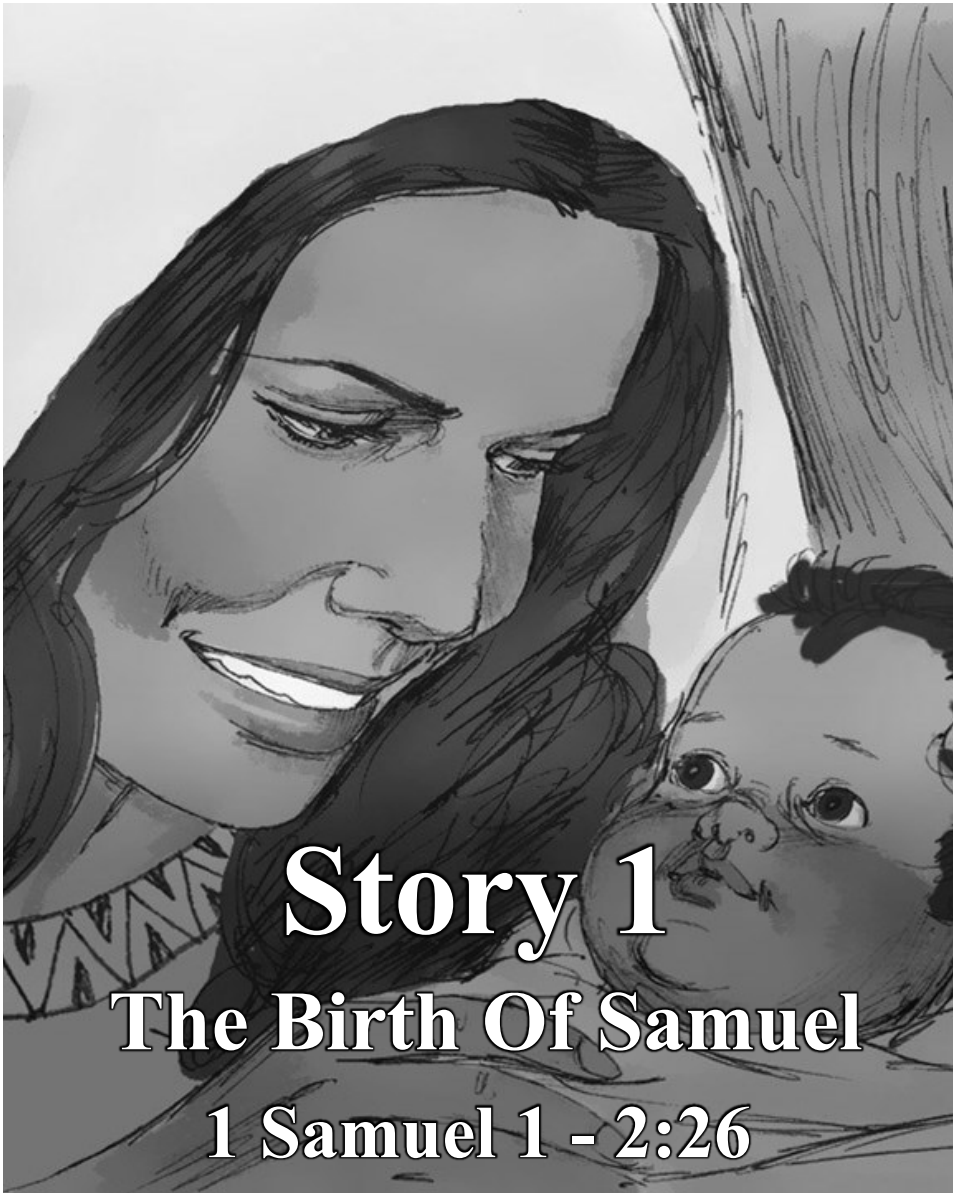


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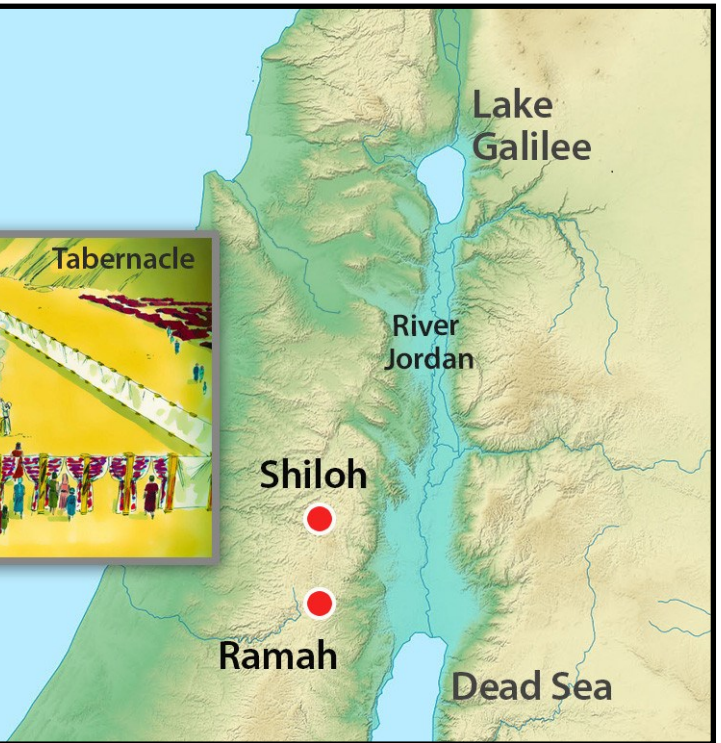
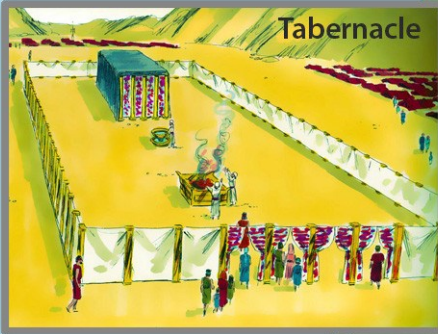
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In the land of Ephraim, there lived a man named Elkanah. He had two wives. One was named Hannah and one was named Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was unable to have any children.

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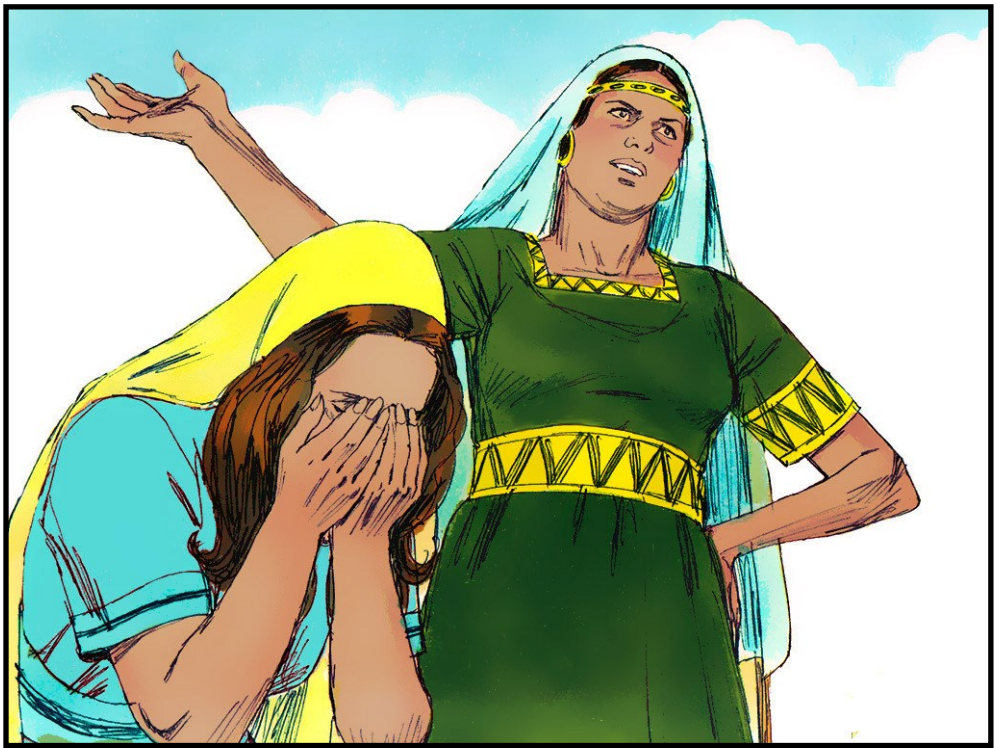
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Elkanah and his family lived in the town of Ramah. Year after year, he would travel to Shiloh where the tabernacle was located. There, his family would worship the LORD and offer sacrifices to Him.

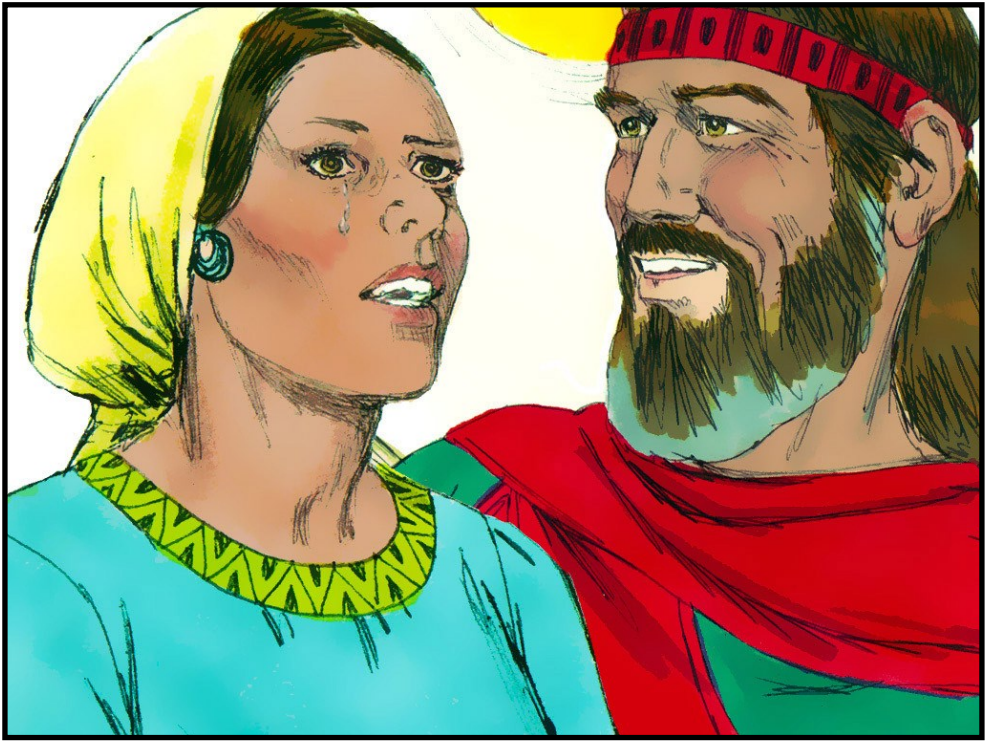


A man named Eli was the High Priest at the Tabernacle, and both of his sons, Hophni and Phineas, served as priests there too.



Whenever Elkanah offered sacrifices at the Tabernacle, he would give a share of the meat to Peninnah along with her sons and daughters, but he always gave two shares of the meat to Hannah. This was because he loved her very much, and because the LORD had kept her from having children.

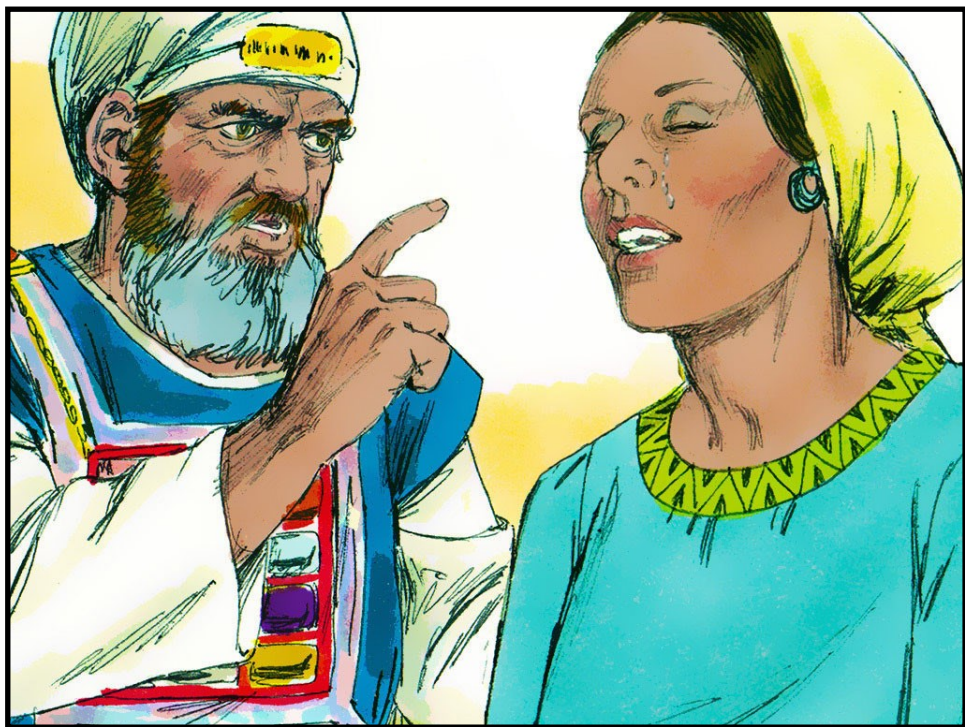
Every year, Peninnah would make fun of Hannah because she was unable to have any children. It would make Hannah so sad that she would cry and be unable to eat.



Hannah's husband, Elkanah, would try to make her feel better. He would ask her, "Hannah, why are you so sad? Why are you crying? Why won't you eat anything? Isn't my love better than having ten sons?"



One time, after they had eaten their meal, Hannah was very sad. She cried a lot and prayed to the LORD. She made a promise to Him. She said, “LORD Almighty, see how sad I am. Remember me! Don’t forget about me! If you will give me a son, I will give him back to you. He will serve you all the days of his life. And as a sign that I am dedicating him to you, his hair will never be cut.”



While Hannah was praying, Eli, the High Priest, was sitting near the entrance of the Tabernacle. He watched Hannah's lips moving but heard no sound. So Eli thought Hannah had been drinking wine. He said to her, "Why do you come here drunk? Throw away your wine!"



Hannah answered, “I haven’t been drinking any wine. I have been very sad and was praying to the LORD.”

Eli replied, “Go in peace. May the God of Israel give you what you have asked him for.” Hannah thanked him. Then she left and got something to eat since she wasn’t sad anymore.



Early the next day, Elkanah and his family got up and worshiped the LORD. Then they went home to Ramah. The LORD remembered Hannah's prayer, and soon after returning home, she became pregnant. After some time had gone by, she gave birth to a baby boy.

Hannah and Elkanah named their baby boy Samuel. Hannah said, "His name is Samuel because I asked the LORD for him."



When Samuel was old enough, he went with his family to the tabernacle in Shiloh. There, they made a sacrifice to the LORD.

Then Hannah brought Samuel to Eli. She said to Eli, “I am the woman who stood by you praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child and the LORD answered my prayer. Now, I am giving him to the LORD. He will belong to the LORD all the days of his life.”

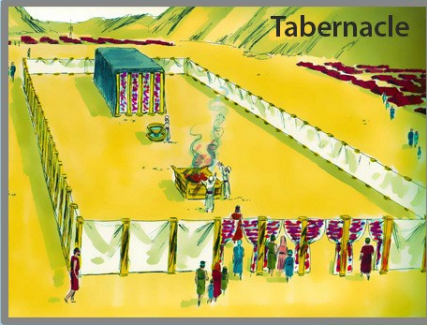


Elkanah and Hannah returned home to Ramah, but Samuel stayed at the tabernacle with the priest, Eli. There he learned to love, obey, and serve the LORD.

Every year, his parents, Elkanah and Hannah, would travel from Ramah to Shiloh to visit Samuel when they went to worship God at the tabernacle. His mother would bring him a new coat every year when she would visit.

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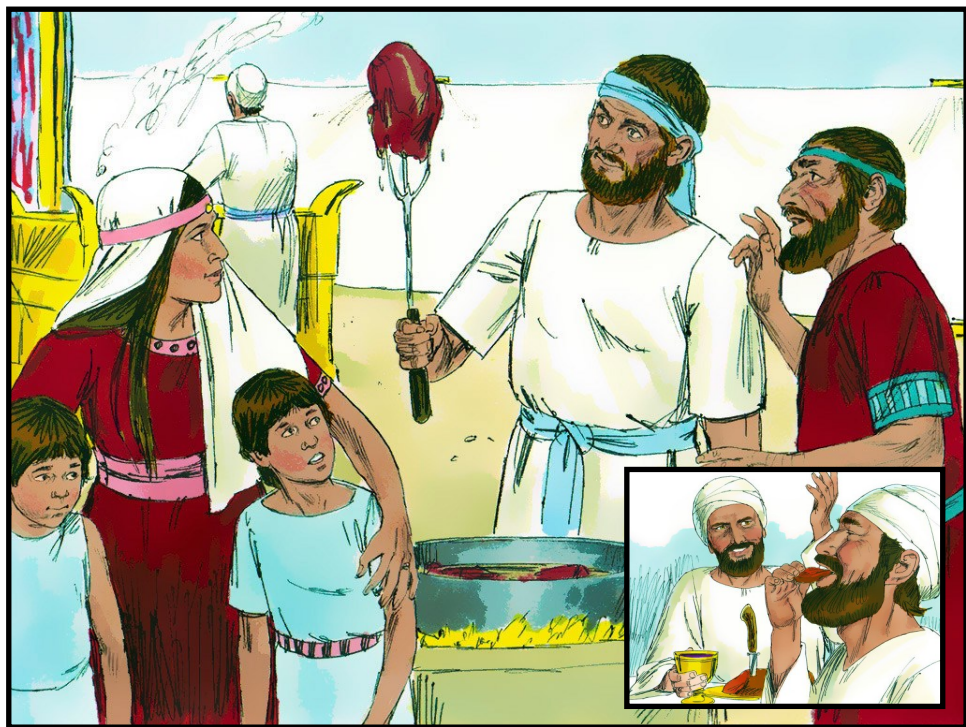
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The priest, Eli, would bless Elkanah and Hannah and ask God to give them other children to take the place of Samuel who had been given to the LORD. The LORD blessed Hannah with three more sons and two daughters. And Samuel continued to grow and serve the LORD.



By this time, Eli was getting very old. His sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests, but they did not show respect for the LORD or His sacrifices.



Whenever someone would offer a sacrifice, Eli's sons would send someone with a fork to take some of the meat before it had been offered to the LORD. The sin of Eli's sons was very serious to the LORD because they were not treating His offering with respect.

They also were behaving badly with the women who served at the entrance of the Tabernacle.



Eli said to his sons, “People have been telling me about all the bad things you do. Why are you doing all these evil things? You must put a stop to all this. If someone sins against another person, God can help that sinner. But if anyone sins against the LORD, who can help them?” But Eli’s sons did not listen to their father’s warning.

During this same time, the boy Samuel kept growing. *He* pleased God and the people.

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