

The Birth Of Samuel

Key words

Sad: Boo hoo.

Baby: Cry.

Married: Here comes the bride.

Prayed: Amen.

Hannah was very sad (boo Hoo). She was sad (boo Hoo) because she wanted something, she wanted something really badly and the longer she didn't have what she wanted, the sadder (boo hoo) she became.

What did Hannah want? Well she wanted a baby (cry). You see, when Hannah got married (here comes the bride) she was really looking forward to having a baby (cry) to look after. But no baby (cry) came along.

All her friends got married (Here comes the bride) and had babies (cry). Her sisters got married (here comes the bride) and they had babies (cry). Her cousins got married (here comes the bride) and they had babies (cry). But Hannah didn't have a baby (cry) and she got more and more sad (boo hoo).

One day Hannah and her husband went to worship God. There was a big tent where people went to worship. When she got there Hannah looked at all the other women carrying their babies (cry) and she got even more sad (boo hoo). She prayed (Amen) to God. In fact Hannah prayed (Amen) and prayed (Amen) and Prayed Amen) and ... Well you know what I mean.

Hannah was there so long praying that the man who looked after the place of prayer (Amen) thought she had had too much wine to drink and started to tell her off.

"No, no! Please don't be angry with me," said Hannah. "I'm not drunk, I'm just very sad (boo hoo). You see, all my friends and sisters and cousins have had babies (cry) but I haven't. I was praying (Amen) to God to help me."

"Well in that case," said the man, "God will give you what you ask. You will have a baby (cry)."

Hannah went home and before long she started to feel a bit strange. Then her tummy started to grow. Then she realised that it had happened just like the man had said. She was having a baby (cry).

The baby

(cry) was born and Hannah was the happiest person in the world. She called him Samuel, and then made God a very special promise.

"When he is a bit bigger," she said, "I will take Samuel to the place of prayer (Amen) and leave him there so he can learn all about God and help others who come to pray (Amen)."

And that is just what she did. When Samuel was 3 Hannah took him to the tent of worship to give him to God. The old man called Eli who had told her that she would have a baby (cry) looked after Samuel and taught him all there is to know about praying (Amen, and about God.

Samuel grew up to be a great man of God who helped to lead his nation. But he never forgot the most important lesson that Eli taught him – to pray (amen).

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