

MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Hannah
SAMUEL 1-2

BIBLE WORDS

"I will always love you." JEREMIAH 31:3, CEV

BOTTOM LINE

God loves you.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

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Tell It

• Hannah Prayed



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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a woman named Hannah.

"Hannah was sad, but she knew she could pray and talk to God. Hannah talked to God about why she was sad and that made her feel better. She knew she could pray and talk to God about anything. You can pray and talk to God about anything anytime, too, because **God loves you!** If you are happy, sad, scared, or excited, you can pray and talk to God. If you are at home, or somewhere new, you can talk to God because **God loves you!**"



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Hannah Prayed" Activity Page, cardstock, washable ink pads, heart stamps, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Hannah Prayed" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to stamp a heart on each of the pictures of when Hannah prayed and talked to God.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "On your paper are different pictures of when Hannah prayed and talked to God. God loved Hannah when she prayed to Him when she was sad. Stamp a heart on the picture of sad Hannah. (*Pause.*) God loved Hannah when she talked to Him and cried. Stamp a heart on the picture of Hannah crying. (*Pause.*) God loved Hannah when she felt better and smiled. Stamp a heart on Hannah smiling. (*Pause.*) God loved Hannah no matter if she was sad or happy. You can pray and talk to God anytime, too, because **God loves you!**"