

2. What are some of the ways you can relay those characteristics artistically in a gift for your child?

Remember, dear sister, this journey is a marathon. Will you have frustration? Yes. Will you sometimes disappoint yourself as well as your child? Yes. But when you fall down, get back up. Keep taking steps in the right direction. Pray hard. Seek Jesus will all you've got. The more you know Him, the more you will feel loved and give love. The greatest gift you can give your child is a mom who is whole and healed through and through.

May you be fully reconciled to your child so that you can pass on a rich spiritual legacy with eternal results!

Assignment

1. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!"⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, his sons were blaspheming God, he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am."¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you."¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him let none of his words fall to the ground.²⁰And all Israel Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.²¹And the LORD again at Shiloh, for the LORD himself to Samuel Shiloh the word of the LORD.

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Lesson 9

Memory Verse

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Hannah's Gift Continued: Hannah created tangible representations of her love for Samuel. These mementos will help your child understand your own walk with the Lord.

Read 1 Samuel 2:12-36.

Last week you wrote a letter to your child. No doubt your child will deeply cherish every letter he or she gets from you. Remember whether they admit it or not, your children long to know who you are.

- ❖ Discuss the letters written this week.
- ❖ Discuss the plan to get the letters to the children.

This week will be a step further toward creating meaningful mementos. This memento (gift) will be looked at and read many times. So be sure to include well-thought-out statements of love and wisdom. Also consider how your personality will be reflected in what you say.

1. What are some of the characteristics you want your child to know about you?