

the Friend junior



For Parents of Little Ones

“It’s mine!” Does that sentence sound familiar? It’s no secret that sharing is a difficult concept for little ones to learn. But the good news is that sharing is a skill children can learn with practice.



Here are some ideas:

Sing a simple rhyme or song when your children need a sharing reminder, like, “Sharing our toys is fun to do!” or “I can share to show I care!”

Set a timer to help children take turns. Sometimes children think that letting someone else play with a toy means they’ll never get it back.

Before friends come over, ask your child if he or she would like to pick a favorite toy to not share, like a prized stuffed animal or favorite truck. Put that toy away before the playdate.

Make sharing a part of everyday life. Practice sharing with your child, even when it’s just the two of you, and point out when you’re sharing. Try, “Would you like to have some of my crackers? Look, we’re sharing! May I have a piece of your apple? Thank you for sharing with me!”

There’s a coloring page about sharing on page FJ7!

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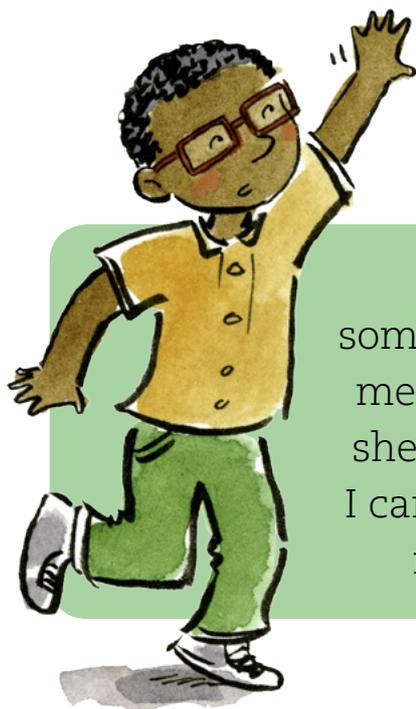
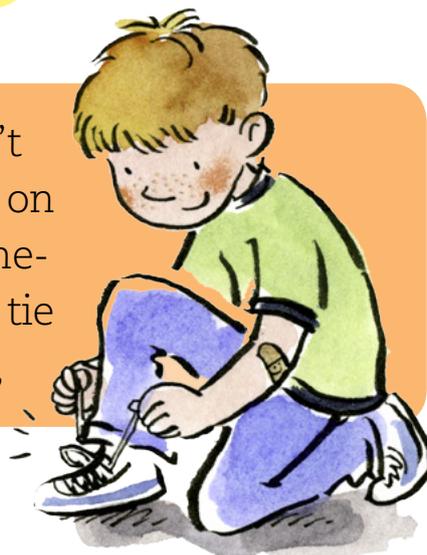
Thank You!

By Jordan Monson Wright



When someone
gives me food to
eat, or shares with
me a yummy treat,

When I don't
put my shoes on
right and some-
one helps me tie
them tight,



When
someone helps
me reach the
shelf because
I can't reach it
myself,



Then I remember
what to do! I smile
at them and say,
“Thank you!”

Arturo's Family Prayer

By Jennifer Maddy

"It's time for  prayer!"  calls.  puts away his

. He kneels with his . "What are some things you need

help with?"  asks. "I'm scared to start  soon," says

. "I don't feel very good," says  with a snuffle. "I'm trying to

be brave when my  is dark at ,

,"  says. "I will ask Heavenly Father to help you with all those things,"  says.

, , , and  bow their heads.  is

happy he can pray with his .

Talking to Heavenly Father

When we pray, we are talking to Heavenly Father.
How do we act during a prayer? Point to the right answer.
Then practice the next time you pray!



When we pray,
what do we think
about?



When we pray,
what do we do
with our eyes?



When we pray,
what words do
we use?

Please bless...

Give me...



When we pray,
what do we do
with our bodies?

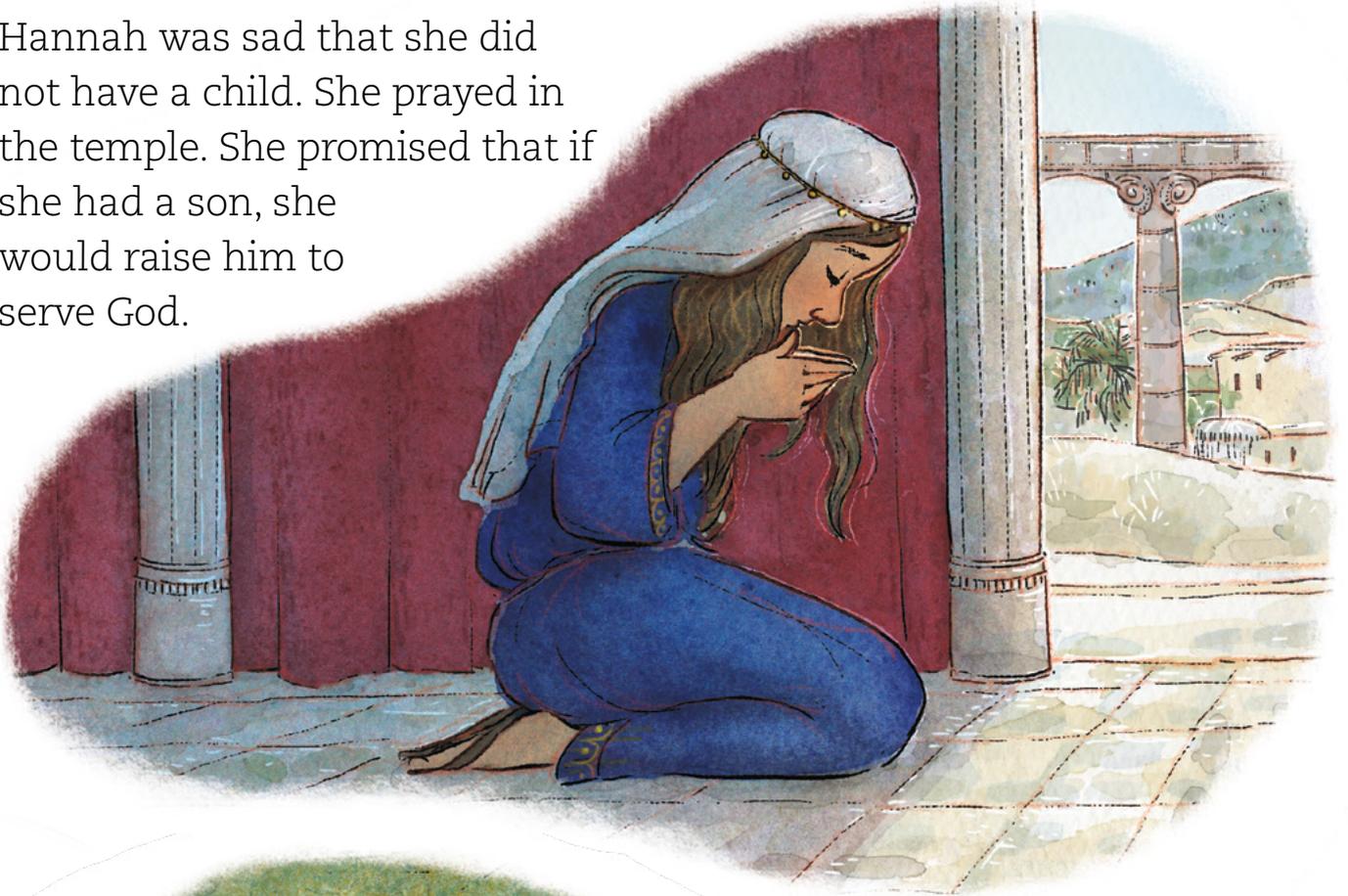


Can you think of
a scripture story
about prayer?

Hannah and Samuel

By Kim Webb Reid

Hannah was sad that she did not have a child. She prayed in the temple. She promised that if she had a son, she would raise him to serve God.



Hannah and her husband did have a baby! Hannah named him Samuel. She knew that God had answered her prayers.



As Samuel grew, Hannah kept her promise. She asked Eli, the priest at the temple, to teach Samuel how to serve God. Eli helped take care of Samuel.

One night Samuel heard a voice. He asked if Eli had called him. Eli said God was trying to speak to Samuel.

The next time Samuel heard the voice, he listened. Then God spoke to Samuel.

Samuel listened to God and followed Him.





I can learn about God and follow His commandments! ●

From 1 Samuel 1-3.

I Can Share with Others



ILLUSTRATION BY APRYL STOTT

Allie's New Class

By Krissy Smith

(Based on a true story)



you went to her class today.”

Allie frowned. “What?” Her bouncy feeling popped like a balloon.

“Mrs. Coleman’s class was too big,” Mom said. “The school chose you for a new class.”

Allie thought about her friends in Mrs. Coleman’s class. “I don’t think the class was too big.”

“You’ll have fun in your new class,” Mom said.

Allie was so happy that she felt bouncy!

She got in the car to ride home.

“Today was great!” she told Mom.

“We drew pictures. And I met a new teacher. Her name is Miss Gregg. Now I have two teachers!”

Allie had been in kindergarten for three weeks. She loved everything. Activities. Projects. Lunchtime with friends. Her teacher, Mrs. Coleman. And now she had another teacher, Miss Gregg. It was perfect!

“Wait,” Mom said. “You aren’t going to have two teachers. Just one. Miss Gregg is your new teacher. That’s why





But Allie didn't want a new class. She would miss Mrs. Coleman and her new friend Caitlin. This morning school was perfect. Now it was ruined.

At bedtime Allie knelt to pray. "Why don't you ask Heavenly Father to help you in your new class?" Mom said.

"Dear Heavenly Father," Allie said, "please help me have fun at school." She started to feel a little better. But she was still nervous.

The next morning more worries filled her head. *Will I like my new class? Will I see my friends?* But new thoughts came too. *I can be brave.*

Heavenly Father will help me.

After school, Allie was happy.

"How was your day?" Mom asked.

"Great!" Allie said. She climbed into the car. "Miss Gregg is really nice. I saw Caitlin on the playground. And I got to make a goody bag!"

"That does sound like a good day," Mom said.

Allie smiled. "Heavenly Father answered my prayer!" ●

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