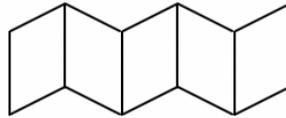


## Hannah Prays for a Son

*“For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I have asked of Him. Therefore, I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord.”*  
(1 Samuel 1:27-28)

Make an accordion book showing key parts of the story of Samuel’s birth. Be sure to show Hannah with baby Samuel in one of the pictures!

*Accordion Book*



### **Parts of the story**

Hannah feeling sad because she wants a child  
Hannah kneeling and praying to the Lord  
Eli the priest asking the Lord to grant her petition  
Baby Samuel with Hannah (or with both of his parents)  
Hannah bringing Samuel to serve the Lord in the Tabernacle with Eli  
Hannah giving Samuel a new garment when she comes to worship the Lord  
Samuel in bed, hearing the Lord call him (see 1 Samuel 3)  
Samuel as a grown man, serving the Lord (perhaps when he makes Saul a king)

### **Materials**

paper (construction paper or stiff paper such as cover stock or card stock would be ideal)  
colored pencils, markers, gel pens or crayons  
tape  
scissors

### **Procedure**

1. Make pages for the accordion book. Fold paper in half for smaller pages.
2. A short book might have 3-4 pages in it. A longer book could have 5-8 pages.
3. Decide which parts of the story you want to illustrate.
4. Illustrate one part of the story on each page.
5. Think about what you want to show in the picture. To illustrate Hannah praying, you could show just Hannah’s hands folded in prayer or show her kneeling in the tabernacle.
6. Let facial expressions show how the people in the picture are feeling.
7. When you are finished illustrating the story, tape the pages together side by side and fold like an “accordion” to make a book that stands on display so that all of the pages can be viewed.
8. Optional: Add a simple caption for each page.

### **Alternative Mural Project**

For a group project, consider having each person choose one part of the story to illustrate. Then arrange these on a bulletin board (or a large piece of poster board) in the order in which they happened.