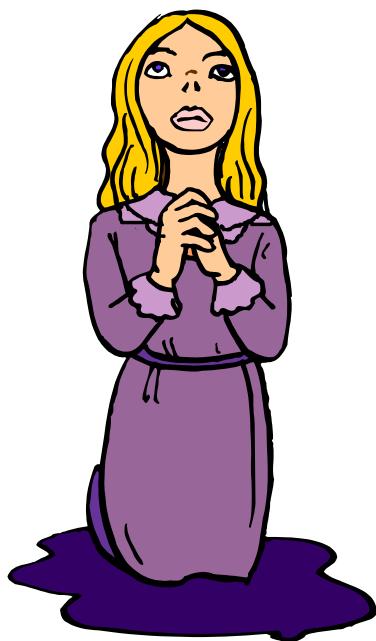


# Hannah's Story

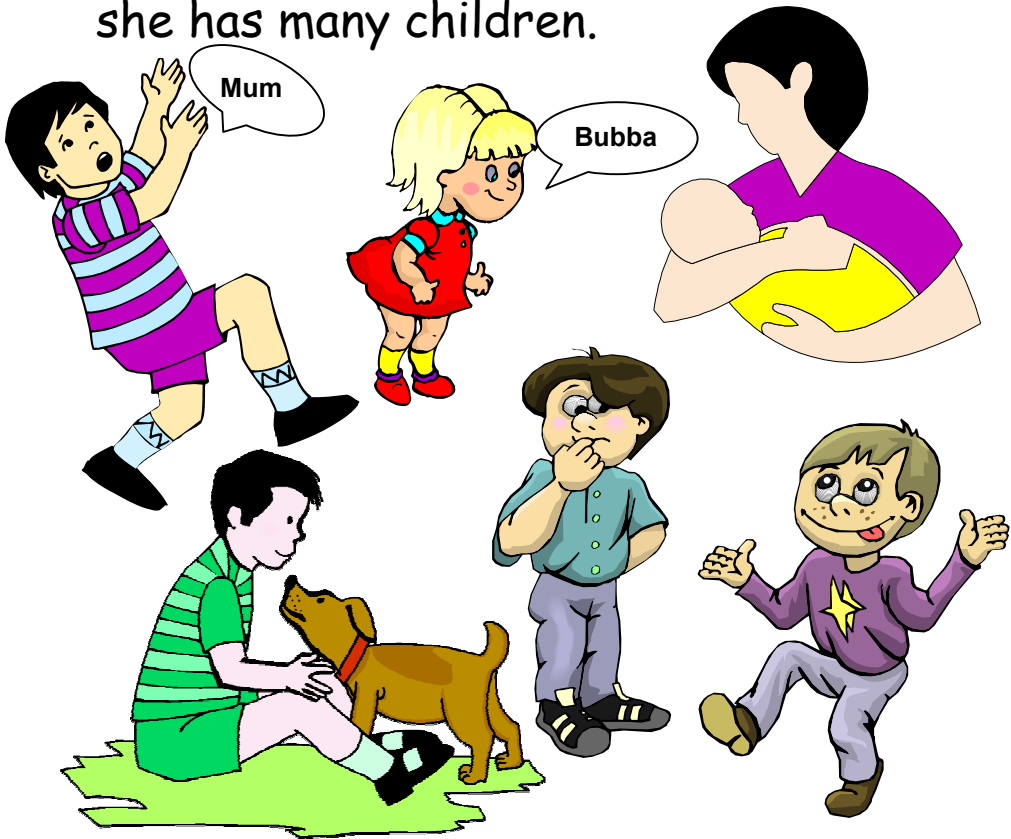


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I love God but I have no child.



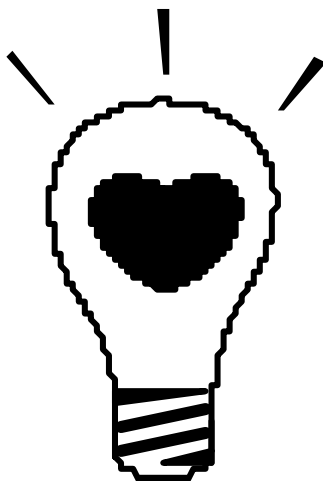
My rival laughs at me because she has many children.



My husband loves me and that is  
good, but I still want a child.



Then I have an idea.



I will go to the LORD when we go  
to the temple in Shiloh.



There I cried and prayed a lot.

The priest thought I was drunk.

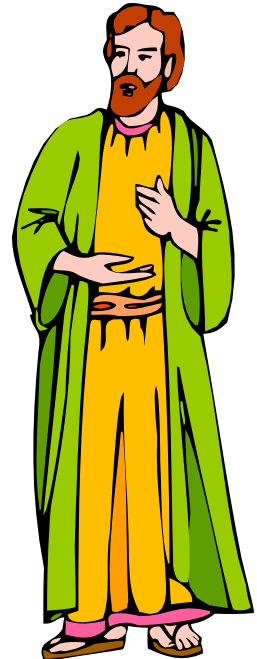


This is what I prayed.

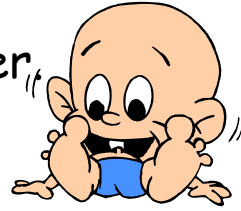
O LORD who cares for me,  
please give me a son.  
I promise I will teach him  
to love you and serve you  
all his life.



The priest blessed me  
and I went home with my  
husband.



God answered my prayer,



Samuel was born next year.

His name means "God hears".

When he was old enough he went  
to live in the temple and became



a great man of God.

Samuel listened to God

and God spoke to him.

God hears us too, when we pray  
to Him.



This story is in the Bible 1 Samuel, chapter one