

MOTHERS DAY EDITION!

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- This week read about some moms of the Bible:
- **Sarah** (Genesis 17:15-19; 18:9-15;21:1-7)
- **Jochebed** (Exodus 2:1-10; 6:20, Numbers 26:59)
- Hannah (1Samuel 1:2-2:10;18-21) and
- Mary (Luke 1:26-55;2:34-35, John 2:12;19:25-27, Mark 6:3, Acts1:14)

Now answer the following questions:

- 1. What did these moms have in common?
- 2. Who are their children?
- 3. How did God work through their lives to fulfill His plan?

Now take some time and pray for all moms that you know and ask God to fulfill His plan in their lives.

Additional Resources

For younger children:

Happy Mother's Day!

This week we are doing things a little different, we will not be aligned with the teaching on Sunday. Instead, we are going to look at the prayer of Hannah. Hannah was an Old Testament woman who longed to be a mother but was barren for a very long time until God blessed her with a son, Samuel.

1 Samuel 1:27-2:10

27 For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. 28 Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

2 And Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the Lord;

my horn is exalted in the Lord.

My mouth derides my enemies,

because I rejoice in your salvation.

2 "There is none holy like the Lord:

for there is none besides you;

there is no rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so very proudly,

let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the Lord is a God of knowledge,

and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty are broken,

but the feeble bind on strength.

5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,

but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,

but she who has many children is forlorn.

6 The Lord kills and brings to life;

he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich;

he brings low and he exalts.

8 He raises up the poor from the dust;

he lifts the needy from the ash heap

to make them sit with princes

and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,

and on them he has set the world.

9 "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,

but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,

for not by might shall a man prevail.

10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;

against them he will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;

he will give strength to his king

and exalt the horn of his anointed."

Ask: In verse 27 who answered Hannah's request for a child? In verse 28 who does Hannah lend her child to and for how long? Do you think it was difficult for Hannah to give her son back to God? Explain your answer.

Read Hannah's prayer again, 2:1-10.

In verse 2:1 Hannah rejoices for God is her salvation. Then she begins to describe God and what he does.

Ask: According to these verses, how is God described? Make a list of all that God does and will do.

Say: It must have been difficult for Hannah to release her son back to God, but she had good reason to trust God with her son.

Parents talk about ways you have had to trust God with the care of your child. How does knowing the character and power of God give you confidence to trust him with your child?

Activity: Is there something hard your family is facing? Write it in the center of a piece of paper and write attributes of God all around it. Circle or frame each of the attributes with bright colors. Rejoice in prayer over who God is and what he has done and will do.

