



WEEK TWO - APRIL 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

Bible Story: *Baby on Board* • 1 Samuel 1:6-2:1

Bottom Line: *When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.*

Memory Verse: "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord!" - Psalm 27:14
NIRV

Life App: *Patience - Waiting until later later for what you want now*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what*

Summary: For our first week focused on patience, we look to **1 Samuel 1:6-2:1** where we discover the story of Hannah. She had waited years for a child. Rather than become frustrated and angry toward God, she prays and tells Him all about it. When God answers her prayer, she gives her son back to God. He honored her waiting and blessed her with even more children.

Bottom Line: It's important for us all to remember that talking to God about waiting will help us stay patient through whatever circumstance we might face. He may not change our circumstance, but He'll give the strength to keep waiting well.

8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Move: an activity that taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask kids questions such as:
 - When is your birthday?
 - NOTE: Use questions like these to get a better idea of your SG few so you can use it as times to write birthday cards and so forth
 - How do you like to celebrate your birthday?
 - When your birthday gets close, is it hard for you to wait?

What You Say:

"Have you ever had to wait a long time for something? What was it? Was it hard to wait? What did you do while you waited? [Transition] In our Bible story today, we'll hear about a woman who had to wait a looong time for something she really wanted. Let's go to Large Group to learn more."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it." Often kids don't plan on being impatient; they just find themselves in situations where their patience is tried. As we get older though, we're able to understand the sorts of moments where we might find ourselves needing a good dose of patience. We hope that kids start to discover the times they might need patience and figure out what God can help them do about it.

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. Wait for the Lord

[Hear from God | Application Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing and designing

What You Need: "Wait for the Lord" Activity Pages; markers

What You Do:

- Give each child a "Wait for the Lord" Activity Page.
- Guide kids to point to the words as you read them aloud together. Emphasize the fact that we can wait for God because we can trust Him no matter what!
- Set out the markers.
- Briefly review that Hannah waited a long time for a baby, but as she waited, she trusted God.
- Take a marker and place a medium-sized dot onto each kid's paper.
- They can then draw as however they choose.
- As kids create, encourage them to share times when they may need to trust God while
- they wait.
- If kids are stuck for ideas, ask them if they've ever had to wait for their family to get a pet, for their mom or dad to get a job, for someone to get better if they've been sick, or for someone to know Jesus.
- Remind kids that no matter what they're waiting for, they can trust God and talk to Him about it.
- When kids finish, guide them to wipe their hands.

What You Say:

"Hannah had to wait a long time for something she wanted more than anything in the world: a baby! Hannah waited so long that she became really sad. But when Hannah talked to God and told Him how she felt, she wasn't as sad anymore. God heard her prayer and helped her feel better.

[Make It Personal] (Share a child-appropriate time when you were waiting for something and talked to God about it. Tell how God helped you wait.)

"So if you ever feel sad, angry, or upset about having to wait for something, talk to God about it. Tell Him how you feel. He loves you, and He wants to help you. So remember: When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it."

2. Wait! Wait! (Do) Tell Me!

[Bible Story Review]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: "Story Pictures" & "Hannah's Story" Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Show kids the "Story Pictures" and invite them to identify each person.
- Set the pictures in a large circle and guide kids to stand around the outside of the circle.
- Read "Hannah's Story," directing kids to move around the outside of the circle and stand by each person's picture whenever they hear you say that person's name.
- Variation: Guide kids to do a motion for each person when they stand by their picture:
 - Hannah: pantomime brushing long hair
 - Eli: place hand over heart
 - Baby: pantomime rocking a baby
 - Samuel: stand on knees

What You Say:

*"Hannah knew that God was the only One who could help her wait for the baby she wanted so much. Maybe you're having a hard time waiting for something. Maybe you're waiting for your dad to get a job, for your mom to get well, for your family to get a pet, or for your brother or sister to be nice to you more often. Maybe you're sad or mad about having to wait. It's okay. God loves you, so tell Him how you feel. He can help you feel better, and He can help you be patient. So no matter what you're waiting for, remember: **When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it. He loves you!**"*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit silently and think of something that they're waiting for. It might be a pet, learning how to read, for their mom or dad to get a job, for someone to get well, or for someone to know Jesus.
- Lead kids in prayer, asking God to help the kids trust Him while they wait.

What You Say:

"Dear God, thank You that You always listen to us. Thank You that You want us to talk to You when we are sad, mad, or upset about waiting. Thank You that You want us to tell You how we feel because You love us and want to help us. Please help us remember to talk to You when we're having a hard time being patient. Help us remember that we can always trust You while we wait. We love You, God. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, pass out Parent Cue cards and guide kids to tell their parents today's Bottom Line: **When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.**

PSALM 27:14, NIV

AND WAIT FOR THE LORD!

WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG

AND TAKE HEART

What to Do:

Print on cardstock. Make one for each kid.

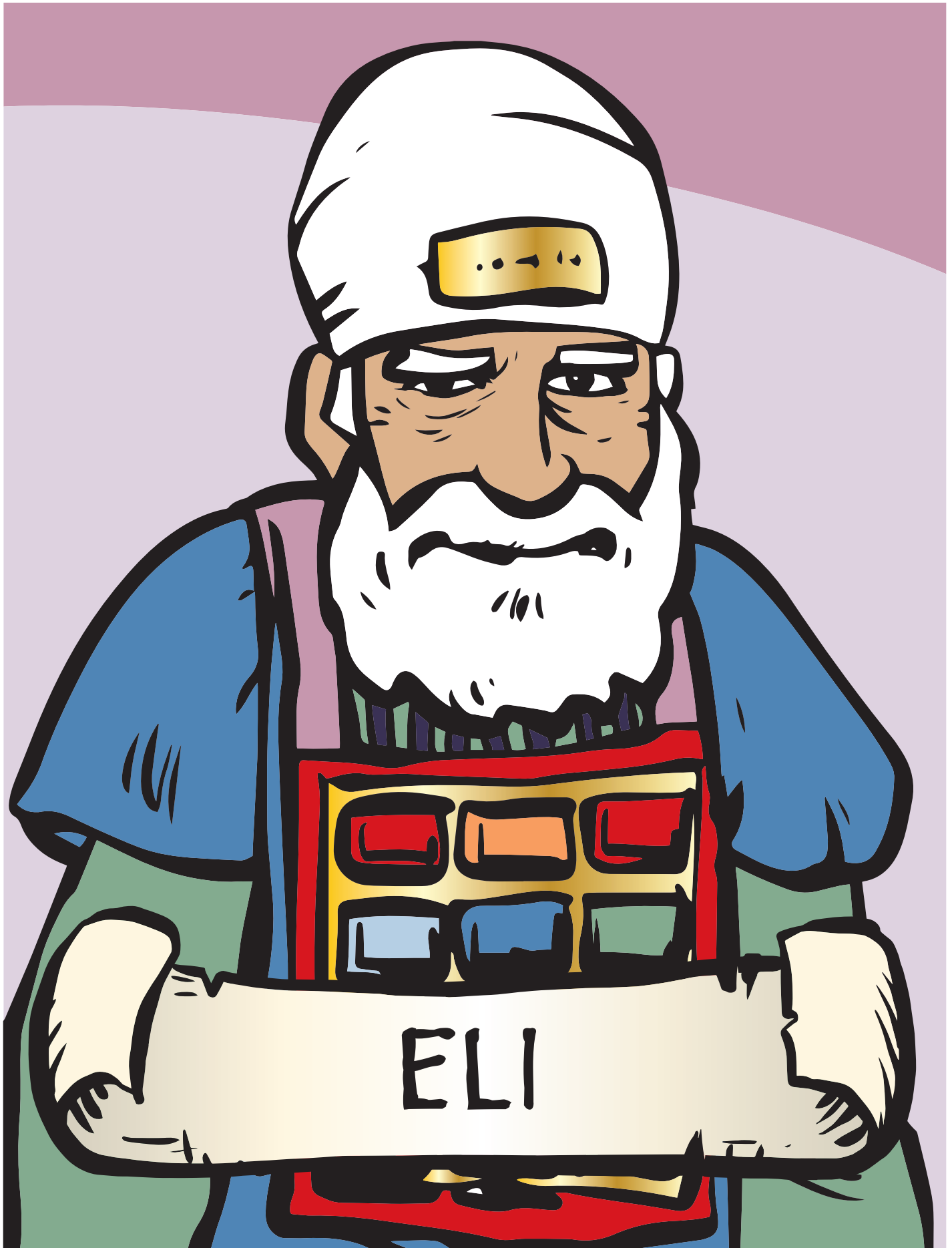
Wait for the Lord, NIV

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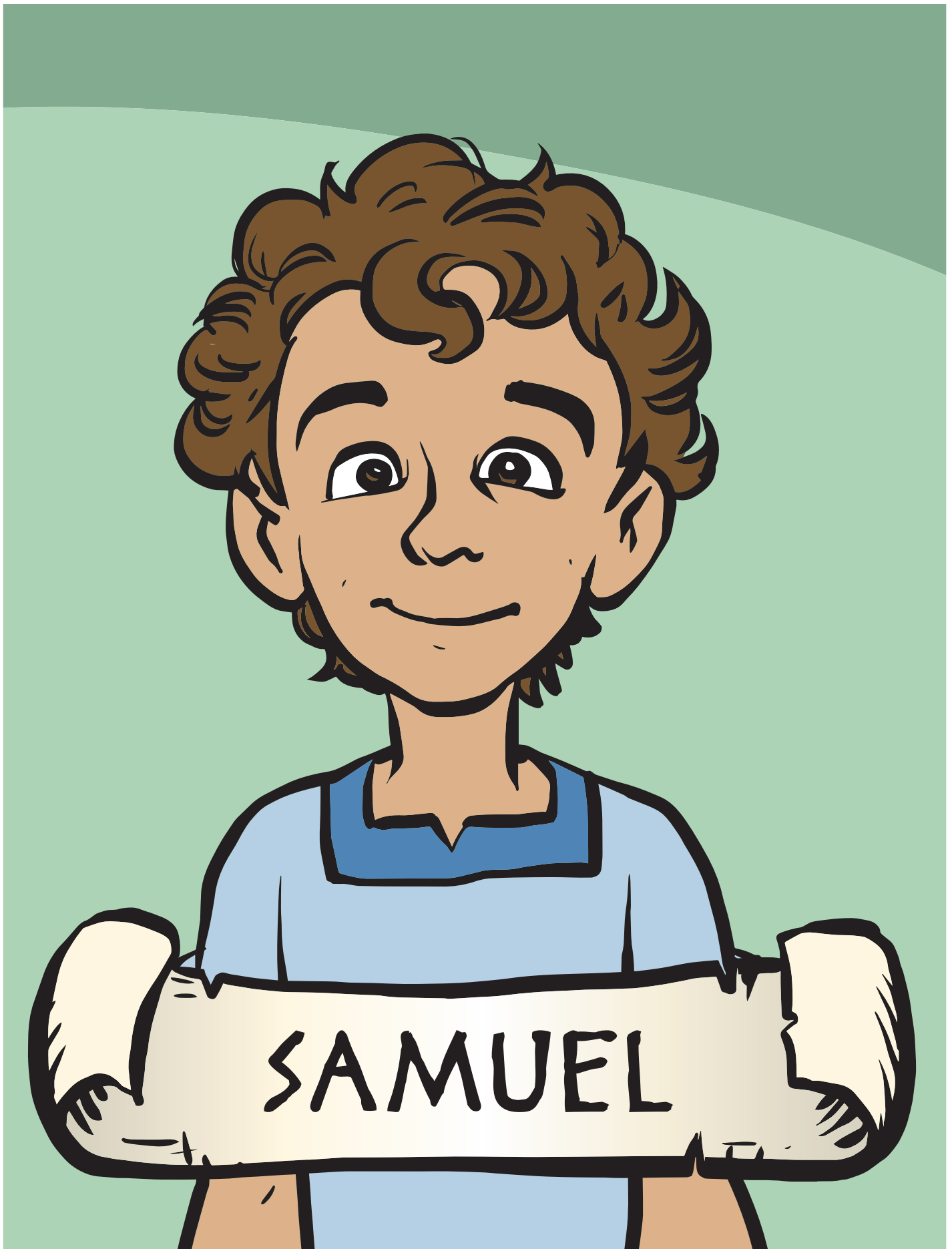
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Story Pictures 4/4

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For many years, *Hannah* waited to have a *baby*. Every year she would go with her husband to a city called Shiloh. There, *Hannah* and her husband worshiped God at the temple. While they were at the temple, a woman was mean to *Hannah*. She would make fun of her because she didn't have a *baby*. *Hannah* was very sad without a *baby* of her own.

Hannah decided to talk to God about her sadness and tell Him how much she wanted a *baby*. She went to the temple and cried and cried. Then *Hannah* prayed and told God how she felt. She said: 'Lord, you rule over all. Please see how sad I am! Don't forget about me! Please give me a baby boy! If you do, I'll give him back to you. Then he will serve you all the days of his life.'

A priest named *Eli* saw how upset *Hannah* was and came to check on her. When *Hannah* told *Eli* what she was praying about, he said: "Go in peace. May the God of Israel give you what you have asked him for." (1 Samuel 1:17, NIV).

After *Hannah* prayed, she felt much better. Soon, *Hannah* and her husband went home. *Hannah* trusted God and waited some more. Finally, God answered her prayer and gave her a *baby* boy. *Hannah* named her *baby* *Samuel*, which means 'God has heard.'

When *Samuel* was old enough, *Hannah* kept her promise to God and took *Samuel* to the temple so that he could learn to serve God. *Hannah* said, 'The Lord has filled my heart with joy.' (1 Samuel 2:1, NIV)

(Paraphrased from 1 Samuel 1:6–2:1)

What to Do:

Print one copy for each Small Group.

Hannah's Story

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