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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with your child this quarter. My prayer is that your child's learning will result in his or her having a closer relationship with God.

Unit I, "Hear God's Promise," has four stories of Old Testament women and men who heard God's promise and responded in faith. Lesson 1 introduces Deborah, a faithful judge who responded in faith to God's promise of freedom from Israel's enemy. Lesson 2 presents Hannah, who, through heartfelt prayer, implored God for a son. Lesson 3 expounds on the covenant between Jonathan and David. In lesson 4, Amos, a shepherd from Judah, answered God's call and shared God's warning with the people of Israel.

Unit II, "Say 'Yes' to Jesus," presents four persons confronted by the person and power of Jesus. Lesson 5 introduces a Roman centurion who amazed Jesus with his great faith. Lesson 6 explores Peter's declaration of love for Jesus and his restoration and assignment to "feed Jesus' sheep" (despite Peter's failings). In lesson 7, Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see both Jesus and salvation come to his home. In lesson 8, Mary, the mother of Jesus, said "yes" and committed her life to Jesus.

Unit III, "Spread Good News," sheds light on five disciples who are remembered for their bold testimony. Lessons 9-13 explore Thomas, Stephen, Saul, Timothy, and Lydia. As these men and women stood for what was right, repented of their sins, offered kindness to strangers in Christ's name, and served Christ and His church, we are inspired to grow deeper in faith and share our faith with the lost.

You can have a discussion with your child about giving his or her life to God with help from the *ABCs of Salvation*, listed below.

- A. Say, "Admit you have sinned (see Psalm 32:5), or done wrong." Go through just a few of the Ten Commandments—stealing or lying and so forth. Tell how our sins separate us from God (see Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 3:23).
- B. Say, "Believe Jesus is God's Son. He took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross (see Romans 5:8). We must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that God raised Him from the dead."
- C. Say, "Call on God to forgive you (see Acts 2:21). When we are sorry for our sins and want to stop doing wrong, we can ask God to forgive us (see Acts 16:31)."

Thank you for the opportunity to help shape your child's spiritual life.

Your Child's Teacher

June 7, 2026

LESSON

1



She Did That!

The Israelite people did not obey God. So, God allowed the Canaanite people to control the Israelites. The Israelites prayed and asked God to save them from the Canaanites.

God sent Deborah, a judge, to lead the people of Israel. Deborah was the wife of Lappidoth. She led Israel and held court in the hill country of Ephraim. The Israelite people went to her to have their disagreements settled.

Deborah sent for Barak. She told Barak that God called him to lead the Israelite army. She told Barak he would win against the Canaanites with only ten thousand men. The battle would be fought along the Kishon River.

Barak said, "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go."

Deborah said, "Certainly, I will go with you. But a woman will receive the honor for capturing Sisera, the Canaanite army commander."

So, Deborah and ten thousand men under Barak's command went to Mount Tabor.

Deborah said to Barak, "Go! God has given you the victory against Sisera and the Canaanite army! God has gone ahead of you!"

Yes! Deborah did that!



Lesson Scripture:
Judges 4:4-10, 14

Key Verse

"Certainly I will go with you," said Deborah [to Barak]. "But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman." (Judges 4:9)



You're Not Alone



Mrs. Thompson said, "Elaine, please come to the front of the class." Elaine walked slowly to the front of the class; then Mrs. Thompson said, "Eric, please come to the front of the class, too. You and Elaine are on the same team."

Eric said, "Yes, Mrs. Thompson. What are we doing?"

"I'll ask a question about today's history lesson, and you two must give your best answer or ask the class for help if you don't know the answer," Mrs. Thompson explained.

Elaine and Eric confidently answered each question.

When they were finished, Mrs. Thompson said, "You are a great team, Elaine and Eric."

Later, as Elaine walked with her friend Melissa, she said, "I was so afraid when Mrs. Thompson called me. I thought I would be alone at the front of the class. I don't like to lead."

Melissa said, "You shouldn't be afraid. God is with you. You and Eric did really well."

Elaine said, "You're right. Eric was with me today, but God is *always* with me. I shouldn't be afraid."



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! Ruby here. Let me tell you a secret: As much as I like to do experiments with you, I was once afraid to talk in front of the class. I was afraid like Elaine, who thought she was alone. But she discovered that she is never alone. God is always with her.

Wouldn't it be interesting to see what happens when we remember that God is always with us? Here's your assignment. This week, whenever you feel alone, thank God that He is with you and always there to help you. Let's talk about it next week.

True or False?

Look at the sentences below. On each line, write **T** if the statement is true, or **F** if it is *false* (not true). Then, on the lines below, rewrite any false statements to make them true.

- _____ 1. Deborah was a prophet sent by God.
- _____ 2. Deborah told Barak that God wanted him to lead the Israelite army.
- _____ 3. Barak would go into battle with twenty thousand men.
- _____ 4. Barak would only lead if Deborah went with him.
- _____ 5. God went ahead of Barak and the Israelites and promised that they would have the victory against the Canaanite army.



A "DEBORAH" Acrostic Puzzle

An *acrostic* is a puzzle in which you use each of the letters of a key word as the start, middle, or end of other related words. Fill in the acrostic of the word DEBORAH with the words listed below that are found in today's lesson.

ARMY

GOD

ISRAEL

VICTORY

BARAK

HONOR

JUDGE

D

E

B

O

R

A

H



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LESSON

2



Ask and You Shall Receive

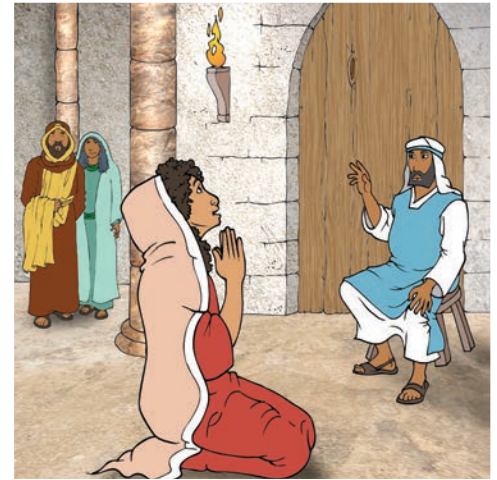
Hannah went to worship God at the temple in Shiloh. Eli the priest was sitting at the entrance of the temple. In sadness, Hannah prayed and cried to God. She asked God to see her sadness and not forget her. She promised (or vowed to) God that if He gave her a son, he would serve God all the days of his life. She promised that no razor would be used to cut his hair.

When she prayed, she moved her lips but did not say words that could be heard. Eli thought that Hannah had been drinking.

Hannah said, "No, I have not been drinking. I have not done anything wrong. I am praying because I'm very troubled and sad."

Eli answered her, "Go in peace. May God hear and answer your prayers."

Hannah asked, and she received an answer to her prayers. God blessed Hannah and her husband with a son, whom she called Samuel. The name *Samuel* means, "Because I asked the Lord for him."



Lesson Scripture:

1 Samuel 1:9-13, 15-17, 19-20,
26-27

Key Verse

[Hannah said,] "I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him." (1 Samuel 1:27)



Just Pray

Mr. Kenton, the music director, was leading the elementary class as they prepared for the Easter program. He had asked several students to speak in the program.

Dawn asked Elissa, her best friend, "Didn't Mr. Kenton ask you to say a Scripture?"

Elissa said, "He asked me, Antwoine, and Derrick to write a poem about Easter. We each have a part to say. I'm a little nervous, but I've been praying that God will help me do my best for Him."

Dawn said, "You're right. Just pray, because God hears our prayers. When we ask God for help, He helps us. You will do great!"

"Thanks, Dawn," Elissa said.

Dawn said, "I wonder why Mr. Kenton hasn't asked me to do anything."

When Dawn saw Elissa the next day, she said, "I'm nervous. Mr. Kenton just asked me to recite Psalm 23 for the program."

Elissa said, "Remember the advice you gave me? You agreed that I should pray because God hears our prayers. You will do great because God will help you."

Smiling, Dawn said, "Thanks, Elissa. I will remember that."



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab

God hears and
answers our
prayers.

Hello, all! Ruby here. You know what? I love talking to people about science and experiments—but I get nervous like Dawn when I have to speak before an audience. We must pray from our hearts, or from deep inside, whenever we feel troubled, nervous, or sad. God hears our cries and answers our prayers.

When you are nervous or sad about anything, do you pray? Here's your assignment for the week: ask God to help you with anything that troubles you. It may be an assignment you're struggling with or a family problem. At the next class, be prepared to tell us how God helped you.

Fill in the Blanks

Use words from the Word Box to fill in the blanks of the sentences related to the lesson.

Word Box
Eli
Hannah
Prayed
Priest
Samuel
Son
Vow

1. _____ went to Shiloh to worship God in the temple.
2. Eli, the _____, sat at the entrance of the temple.
3. Hannah made a _____, which is a promise to God.
4. Hannah asked God for a _____.
5. Hannah _____ to God from her heart.
6. Hannah told _____ that she was praying to God and had not been drinking.
7. God heard Hannah's prayers and gave her a son, whom she named _____.



Checklist of Hannah's Prayer and Promises

Place a check mark beside all the promises that Hannah made to God when she prayed, as well as beside what she asked God.

1. Hannah's son would serve God all his life.

2. Hannah promised that she would keep his hair cut.

3. Hannah promised that no razor would ever be used on his head.

4. Hannah asked God to remember her.

5. Hannah asked God to give her a son.

6. Hannah promised that her son would be a tax collector.



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LESSON

3



Best Friends Forever

David became best friends forever with Jonathan, Saul's son. Because Saul knew that David and Jonathan were best friends forever, Saul kept David with him and did not allow him to go home to his family.

David and Jonathan made a *covenant*, which is an agreement. They would be loyal to each other and protect one another and their families. They cared for one another. Jonathan showed his love for David and his commitment to protecting and keeping David safe when he gave David his robe, sword, bow, and belt. Jonathan loved David as he loved himself. When Jonathan learned that his father, King Saul, wanted to hurt David, he did not eat; he was sad at how King Saul treated David. Because Jonathan knew that his father wanted to hurt David, Jonathan kept David safe. Before Jonathan sent David away to safety, they repeated their covenant or agreement to be friends forever.

When Jonathan died, David did not let any harm come to Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son. He kept Mephibosheth safe. David kept his promise to Jonathan to care for his family.



Lesson Scriptures:

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:16-17, 32-34, 42; 2 Samuel 21:7

Key Verse

Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. (1 Samuel 18:3)



We Can All Be Friends



Eli and Thomas both attended Reynolds Elementary School, but they immediately became best friends at summer camp. They played and laughed on the playground. They learned something new at camp every day and then played together at recess.

Because they lived in the same neighborhood, they even played together on the weekends.

On the last day of camp, Thomas said, "I hope we're in the same homeroom at school—but if we are not, I'll see you on the playground."

Eli said, "Bet."

On the first day of school, Eli saw his friend Parrish. They were in the same homeroom.

Parrish asked, "How was your summer?"

Eli said, "I had a fun summer. I made a new best friend who goes here. I want you to meet him."

When Eli and Thomas saw each other on the playground, they hugged, and then Eli said, "Parrish, this is Thomas. We met at summer camp, and we're friends."

Parrish said, "We don't need any new friends."

"We can all be friends," Eli commented.

Parrish growled, "I'm going to play with Eric. I'll see you later."



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! Ruby here. My best friends are Erica, Terrence, Talia, and Jeffrey. I love lab work, but I also love to play with my best friends. Do you know that you can have more than one best friend? Parrish should have been nice when he met Thomas. We should always show kindness to others because that shows them God's love.

Do you think you can show kindness? I know you can. Here's your assignment: I want you to be kind when you meet someone. Then, next week, you can tell us about who you met and what you did when you met them.

Match It!

Match each term in the left column (from today's lesson) with its definition or meaning in the right column by drawing a line between the two. (Some words have more than one match.)

1. **Covenant**

2. **David**

3. **Jonathan**

4. **King Saul**

5. **Mephibosheth**

a. An agreement, oath, or promise

b. Loved David as he loved himself

c. Kept David with him and would not let him return to his family

d. Made a covenant with Jonathan

e. Gave David his robe, tunic, sword, bow, and belt

f. Was saddened by how his father treated David

g. King Saul's son who made a covenant with David

h. Wanted to kill David

i. Did not harm Jonathan's son because he remembered their oath

j. Was able to escape with help from Jonathan

k. The son of Jonathan



Unscramble and Fill In

Unscramble the scrambled-up words or phrases from today's lesson. Use the letters in the boxes to complete the sentence and find a message about who Jonathan and David were.

WORD BANK

**BELT · BOW · DAVID · FEAST · GRIEVED · JONATHAN
LOVED · PEACE · SON · SWORD · TUNIC**

1. OWB _ _ _
2. TEBL _ _ _ _
3. WSODR _ _ _ _
4. ONJHTANA _ _ _ _ _ _ _
5. STFAE _ _ _ _
6. IEVGRED _ _ _ _ _ _
7. AVDID _ _ _ _
8. CEPAE _ _ _ _ _
9. NICTU _ _ _ _
10. VELOD _ _ _ _
11. OSN _ _

Jonathan and David were _ _ _ _ _ .

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