



God Answers Hannah's Prayer

1 Samuel 1:1-28

The feeling of sadness usually comes about the same time a baby experiences separation anxiety. Sadness may include crying and usually includes withdrawal. Fortunately sadness usually abates, and things quickly return to normal when the primary caregiver comes back. But sadness does have a positive side—it is the precursor to empathy. Babies who have felt sad become toddlers who try to help others who are hurt or unhappy.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Hannah Was So Sad Do an action rhyme about Hannah.	doll	
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Sad Baby, Happy Baby Hug a doll to comfort it.	doll	
	When Baby Starts to Cry Hear a song and be comforted.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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► Bible Point

Turn to God when you're sad.

Key Verse



“Put your hope in God”
(Psalm 42:11).

Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will begin to learn that God cares when they feel sad.




TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Here Is Hannah Use a tissue to wipe away Hannah's tears.	box of tissues, water, sponge, page protector Teacher Pack: "Hannah" teaching picture 	Place the "Hannah" teaching picture in a page protector. Wet a sponge, and have a box of tissues handy.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	God Answered Hannah's Prayer Find Hannah's baby.	doll, basket, 3 baby blankets Teacher Pack: "Hannah" teaching picture 	Place the "Hannah" teaching picture near the area where you will play this game. Place a baby blanket in an empty basket, lay a doll on the blanket, and cover the doll with two blankets.
	A Happy Face Glue a licorice smile to make a happy face.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "A Happy Face" page (at the end of the lesson), glue, 1 string of licorice per child	Remove the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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2-YEAR-OLD

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	God Wipes Away Our Tears Wipe away Hannah's tears, and talk about what makes us sad.	Bible, box of tissues, water, sponge, page protector Teacher Pack: "Hannah" teaching picture, "Young Child" teaching picture 	Place the teaching pictures back to back in a page protector. Wet a sponge, and have a box of tissues handy.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Hannah Turns to God Act out a song about Hannah and her baby.	basket, doll	
	My Baby Use a doll to talk about feelings.	doll	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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**INFANT****1****GETTING
STARTED**

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “Great Hope” (track 5) to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” anytime during the lesson. During the song, help baby clap hands to the words “in the Lord.” Raise baby’s arms overhead when singing “Praise God, praise God, praise God.”



**I’ve got great hope in the Lord,
In the Lord, in the Lord.
I’ve got great hope in the Lord,
Praise God, praise God, praise God!**
(Repeat 2x.)

Sing or listen to “Sweet, Sweet Baby” (not on CD) to the tune of “Michael, Row the Boat Ashore” anytime during the lesson. Sing it as a lullaby to calm a fussy baby.



**Hannah wanted a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
Hannah wanted a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.**

**Hannah prayed for a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
Hannah prayed for a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.**

**God sent Hannah a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
God sent Hannah a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.**

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2**BIBLE
EXPLORATION**

Hannah Was So Sad

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sit on the floor with an infant seated in front of you. Have a doll nearby.

**Sing and Celebrate
Supplies**

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: “Great Hope”
(track 5)

**Hannah Was So Sad
Supplies**

doll



Say: **Hannah was so very sad.**

Her eyes were filled with tears. *(Use baby's hands to rub his or her eyes gently.)*

She wanted a baby of her own.

She'd wanted one for years. *(Fold baby's arms together as if cradling a baby, and move his or her arms back and forth.)*

Hannah went to God's house, *(walk your fingers up baby's legs)*

And she began to pray. *(Hold baby's hands together in a prayerlike fashion.)*

She asked that God would bless her with

A baby to love one day. *(Fold baby's arms together as if cradling a baby, and move his or her arms back and forth.)*

Hannah was no longer sad.

Her heart was filled with joy, *(hold baby's arms up in the air, and smile broadly)*

For soon her prayers were answered with

A little baby boy. *(Help baby hold the doll.)*

You can ► **TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD.**

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WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Sad Baby, Happy Baby

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give a doll to a baby.

Say: **The baby is crying. Is the baby sad? Give the baby a hug.** When the infant hugs the doll or holds the doll close, say: **Now the baby is happy! God can help us when we're sad. God can help us feel happy! ► TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD.**

Sad Baby, Happy Baby
Supplies

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doll



When Baby Starts to Cry

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

When an infant cries, pick him or her up, and sing the following song to the tune of "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" (not on CD). Use the baby's name, and do the motions mentioned. Replace "hug" with "walk," "rock," or other comforting motions and movements.



When [baby's name] **starts to cry, I will hug** [him or her].
When [baby's name] **starts to cry, I'll pray.** (*Say, "Help this baby!"*)
When [baby's name] **starts to cry, I will hug** [him or her].
And I'll say some words the Lord might say:

"How I love you! How I love you!
How I love you when you're feeling sad.
How I love you! How I love you!
How I want you to feel glad!"

Say: ► **TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD, little one.**

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1

GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "Great Hope" (track 5) to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" anytime during the lesson. During the song, march in place. Jump up and down on the words "Praise God, praise God, praise God."



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or
1 copy per child of the
"Growing With Jesus"
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep


Remove the Lesson 5
pages from each My
Bible Snuggles student
book.

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: "Great Hope"
(track 5)





 I've got great hope in the Lord,
In the Lord, in the Lord.
I've got great hope in the Lord,
Praise God, praise God, praise God!
(Repeat 2x.)

Sing "Sweet, Sweet Baby" (not on CD) to the tune of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" anytime during the lesson. Kneel on the floor, facing a toddler. Hold both of the toddler's hands in yours, sway back and forth, and move the toddler's arms as you sing slowly so that the toddler can understand your words.

 Hannah wanted a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
Hannah wanted a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.

Hannah prayed for a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
Hannah prayed for a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.

God sent Hannah a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
God sent Hannah a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Here Is Hannah

Here Is Hannah Supplies

box of tissues
water
sponge
page protector
Teacher Pack
"Hannah" teaching
picture

Here Is Hannah Easy Prep

Place the "Hannah"
teaching picture in a
page protector. Wet a
sponge, and have a box
of tissues handy.

What You'll Do

Say this rhyme to a toddler:

Say: **Here is Hannah; she's very sad. Her eyes are full of tears.** (Squeeze a couple of drops of water from the sponge onto each of Hannah's eyes.)

She wants a little baby. She's wanted one for years. (Give the toddler a tissue, and let him or her wipe away the water.)

Hannah asked God for a baby, a baby that she could love. (Squeeze a couple of drops of water from the sponge onto each of Hannah's eyes.)

God sent her a baby boy, a gift from above. (Give the toddler a tissue, and let him or her wipe away the water.)

Then Hannah was no longer sad. Her tears were wiped away.

Hannah had a baby boy, the baby for whom she prayed.

Say: **Hannah talked to God when she was sad. You can ► TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD.** God can help you be happy again.



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WEAVING FAITH
INTO LIFE

God Answered Hannah's Prayer

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Call a toddler over to you, and point to the picture of Hannah.

Say: **Hannah was sad because she didn't have a baby.** Remove the first blanket yourself. **Look! No baby. Poor Hannah. Hannah talked to God. Hannah prayed for a baby. Let's look again.** Encourage the toddler to remove the second blanket to discover the doll. **God answered Hannah's prayers and gave Hannah a baby. Hannah was happy! You can ► TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD,** the way Hannah did.

A Happy Face

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Work with one child at a time.

Say: **This baby looks sad.** Make a sad mouth with a string of licorice on the picture. **Maybe she's sad because her mommy went away. Maybe she's sad because she's hungry. The baby might be sad because she can't find her favorite toy. God can help this baby be happy. Let's give this baby a happy smile.**

Using white glue, make a smiling line on the picture for a mouth. Let the toddler place the licorice in the glue to make a smile for the baby. Say: **You can ► TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD.**



God Answered Hannah's Prayer Supplies

doll
basket
3 baby blankets
Teacher Pack
"Hannah" teaching
picture

God Answered Hannah's Prayer Easy Prep

Place the "Hannah"
teaching picture near the
area where you will play
this game. Place a baby
blanket in an empty
basket, lay a doll on the
blanket, and cover the
doll with two blankets.

A Happy Face Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or
1 copy per child of
the "A Happy Face"
page (at the end of the
lesson)
glue
1 string of licorice per child

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A Happy Face Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 5
pages from each My
Bible Snuggles student
book.



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
“Growing With Jesus”
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: “Great Hope”
(track 5)

Weaving Faith at Home

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2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You’ll Do

Sing “Great Hope” (track 5) to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” anytime during the lesson. Play the song on the CD. Have children clap on the words “in the Lord.” Encourage them to raise their arms over their heads on the words “Praise God.”

 I’ve got great hope in the Lord,
In the Lord, in the Lord.
I’ve got great hope in the Lord,
Praise God, praise God, praise God!
(Repeat 2x.)

Sing “Sweet, Sweet Baby” (not on CD) to the tune of “Michael, Row the Boat Ashore” anytime during the lesson. Sing it to the 2-year-olds quietly as they wait for their parents to pick them up.

 Hannah wanted a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
Hannah wanted a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.

Hannah prayed for a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
Hannah prayed for a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.

God sent Hannah a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.
God sent Hannah a baby to love—sweet, sweet baby.



2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

God Wipes Away Our Tears

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 1.

Say: **Here is Hannah; she's very sad. Her eyes are full of tears.** (*Squeeze a couple of drops of water from the sponge onto each of Hannah's eyes.*)

She wants a little baby. She's wanted one for years. (*Give a 2-year-old a tissue, and let him or her wipe away the water.*)

Hannah asked God for a baby, a baby that she could love. (*Squeeze a couple of drops of water from the sponge onto each of Hannah's eyes.*)

God sent her a baby boy, a gift from above. (*Give a 2-year-old a tissue, and let him or her wipe away the water.*)

Then Hannah was no longer sad. Her tears were wiped away.

Hannah had a baby boy, the baby for whom she prayed.

Turn the page protector over to show the side with the child's face.

Ask:

- **What might make this child sad?** As children offer suggestions, drop water from the sponge on the child's face.

Say: **God can help children who feel sad. Remember what Hannah did when she was sad? Hannah turned to God. She prayed. You can ► TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD. God will help you dry your tears.** Give the 2-year-olds tissues, and encourage them to dry the child's face.

Pray: **Thank you, God, for caring when we're sad. Help us always turn to you. In Jesus' name, amen.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Hannah Turns to God

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather the 2-year-olds, and have them form a circle. Have a basket and a doll nearby. Sing the following song to the tune of "Mulberry Bush" (not on CD), and direct children in the actions:



God Wipes Away Our Tears Supplies

Bible
box of tissues
water
sponge
page protector
Teacher Pack
"Hannah" teaching
picture
"Young Child" teaching
picture

God Wipes Away Our Tears Easy Prep

Place the teaching
pictures back to back in
a page protector. Wet a
sponge, and have a box
of tissues handy.

Hannah Turns to God Supplies


basket
doll





My Baby Supplies

doll

 **Hannah has no baby, no baby, no baby.** *(Have the children pass around the empty basket.)*

Hannah has no baby. Hannah feels sad.

Hannah prays to God, God, God. *(Have the children kneel and fold their hands.)*

Hannah prays to God because she feels sad.

Hannah gets a baby, a baby, a baby. *(Put the doll in the basket, and have the children pass it around.)*

Hannah gets a baby—the answer to her prayers.

Hannah's very happy, happy, happy. *(Have the children stand and hold hands to walk in a clockwise circle.)*

Hannah's very happy. God is so good.

Say: **Hannah turned to God when she felt sad. You can ► TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD, too.**

My Baby

What You'll Do

Let a 2-year-old hold a doll, and encourage him or her to do the motions as you say this rhyme:

Say: **Boo-hoo-hoo. My baby is oh so sad!** *(Rub the doll's eyes with the doll's hands as if crying.)*

Why is my baby sad? *(Pause for the 2-year-old to answer the question.)*

Pray, pray, pray. My baby can talk to God. *(Hold the doll's hands in a prayerlike fashion.)*

What does my baby say? *(Pause for the 2-year-old to suggest what the baby might pray.)*

Jump, jump, jump. My baby is oh so glad! *(Bounce the doll as if it were jumping up and down.)*

How does my baby feel? *(Pause for the 2-year-old to answer the question.)*

► **TURN TO GOD WHEN YOU'RE SAD.**



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Growing With Jesus



Time for Sadness

Sad feelings are an important part of developing empathy. If caregivers deal with sadness sympathetically and constructively, children will learn to help others likewise. Instead of rushing to alleviate sadness, help children determine what things help them get through it, such as extra hugs, quiet time, and talking to God about their feelings.

Your child learned to turn to God when he or she is sad (from 1 Samuel 1:1-28). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Sad Baby, Happy Baby

Give a doll to your baby.

Say: **The baby is crying. Is the baby sad? Give your baby a hug.** When he or she hugs the doll or holds the doll close, say: **Now the baby is happy! God can help us when we're sad. God can help us feel happy! Turn to God when you're sad.**

TODDLER

A Happy Face

Play this game with your child using a doll.

Say: **This baby looks sad.** Make a sad mouth with a string of licorice on a baby doll. **Maybe she's sad because her mommy went away. Maybe she's sad because she's hungry. The baby might be sad because she can't find her favorite toy. God can help this baby be happy. Let's give this baby a happy smile.**

Let your toddler shape the licorice to make a smile for the baby. Say: **You can turn to God when you're sad.**

2-YEAR-OLD

My Baby

Let your 2-year-old hold a doll, and encourage him or her to do the motions as you say this rhyme:

Boo-hoo-hoo. My baby is oh so sad! (*Rub the doll's eyes with the doll's hands as if crying.*)

Why is my baby sad? (*Pause for your child to answer the question.*)

Pray, pray, pray. My baby can talk to God. (*Hold the doll's hands in a prayerlike fashion.*)

What does my baby say? (*Pause for your child to suggest what the baby might pray.*)

Jump, jump, jump. My baby is oh so glad! (*Bounce the doll as if it were jumping up and down.*)

How does my baby feel? (*Pause for your child to answer the question.*)

Turn to God when you're sad.

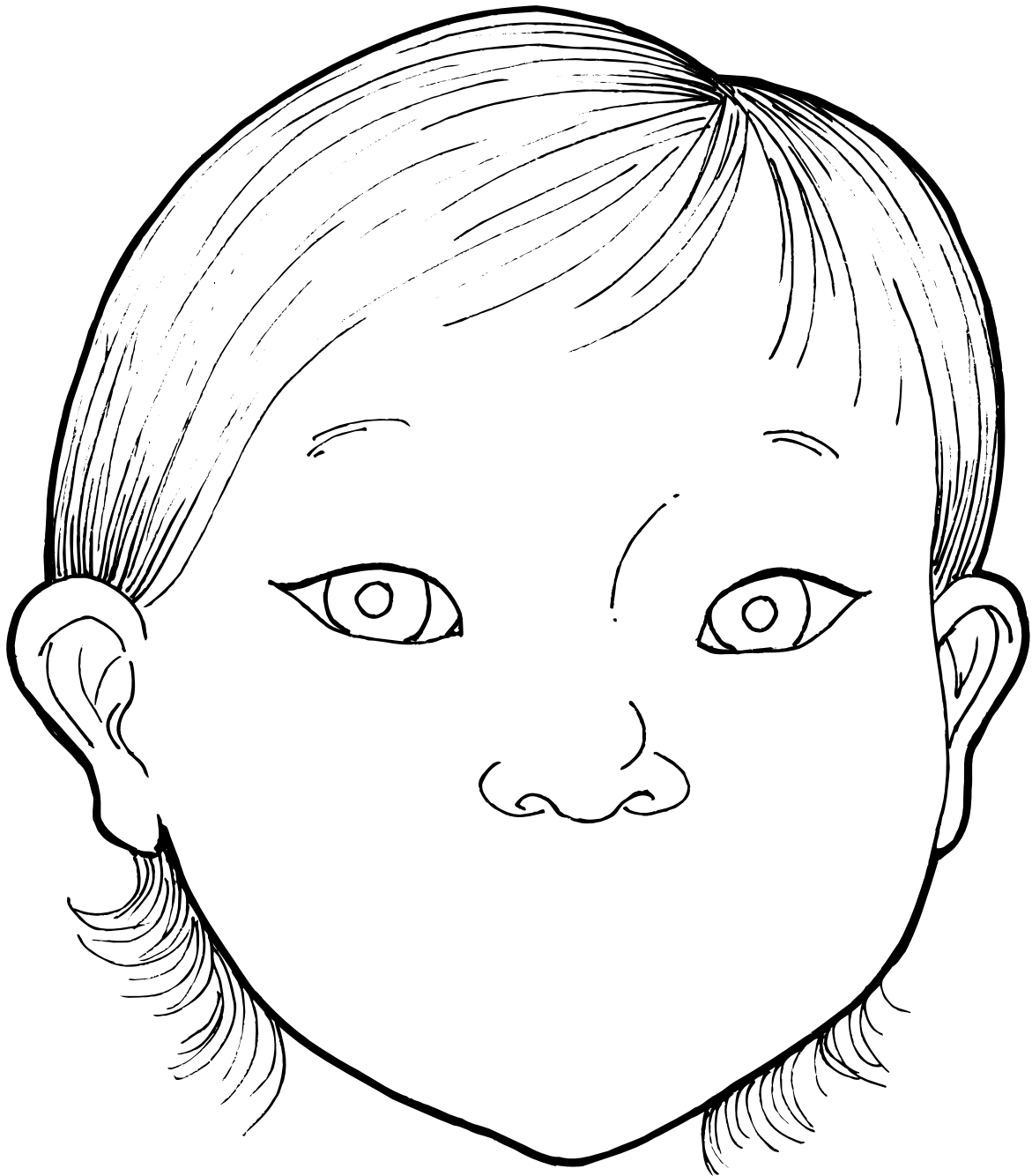
Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Sing this song to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In" when your child feels sad:
**Oh, when you're sad and feeling blue, Turn to God, and he will help you—
Oh, when you're sad and feeling blue, He will help you feel brand new!**
- Create a special box filled with two or three toys that are played with only when your child needs a lift. Pray with your child about his or her feelings, and let your child tell you when he or she is ready to put the box away and go back to regular activities.

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A Happy Face



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