

Theme: God answers prayer.

Games: **Blind Hunter:** All the children form a large circle in the room. The leader chooses two children, one to be the hunter and the other to be the prey. Each of these two children are blindfolded and given some form of rattle. The hunter shakes his rattle and the prey has to then do the same. The hunter then has to try and catch his prey by going towards the area he heard the sound. The hunter can shake his rattle three times before his time is up. All the children forming the circle act as a barrier to stop the hunter and its prey walking out of the circle.

Red Light - Green Light: The player serving as the "traffic light" stands at one end of the room. All the others stand at the other end.

Play begins when the light turns his back to the others and says, "Green light." This is the signal for the others to advance toward the light.

At any moment, however, the light may turn around and say, "Red Light!" Everyone freezes as quickly as possible, because anyone the light sees in motion must return to the starting place.

The light alternates red and green until someone succeeds in touching them without being seen and then they become the light.

Memory Verse: Psalm 91 v 15 - *"When they call to me I will answer them"*

See resources section.

Introduction: Talk to the children about answered prayers. Have any of them got any examples of answered prayers.

Story: The story is taken from the first chapter of the book 1 Samuel. The story has been written out in the resources and could be told or some of the children could act it out.

Application: Although lots of people pray to God sometimes they don't really believe He is going to answer, even though the Bible tells us He does. Hannah poured out her heart to God because she was so sad that she had no children. Eli said that God had heard her and would answer her. This filled her with confidence and she no longer worried, knowing God was going to answer her prayer. As Christians we should always believe that God will answer our prayers, but we must remember they might not be answered in the way we want.

Prayer: Give out a piece of paper and pen to the children in your Kingsquad. Get them to write their prayers down then put them a box then perhaps one or two of the children or leader can offer the prayers to God

Resources: Memory verse, funsheet.

Song: "Prayer is like a telephone" Spring Harvest - Shaken Not Stirred tape.

Hannah's Prayer Was Answered

A man named Elkanah had two wives, Peninnah and Hannah. Peninnah had children, while Hannah did not. Every year Elkanah and his wives would travel to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the Lord. All the women there would make fun of Hannah because she was childless.

One day Hannah went to the temple in Shiloh to pray. She asked the Lord to give her a son. She said that if he did she would give the boy back to him.

While she was praying, Eli the priest watched her. He saw her lips move, but she made no sound. He thought she was drunk and told her to get rid of her wine. 'Oh no sir!' She said to him, 'I'm not drunk! But I am very sad and I was pouring out my heart to the Lord.' Eli told her that God would answer her prayer. She could go back home.

The next day Hannah went back home with her husband. She was not worried anymore. She believed that the Lord had heard her prayer.

Hannah's prayer for a son was answered. She had a child and she named him Samuel.

Week 1

Each team is given a table of numbers. A leader calls out the numbers (as in Bingo!). The children mark them off and when they have a full line of numbers, they can collect part of the memory verse.

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5	2	7	1	11	9
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8	3	7	13	6	5
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3	15	4	14	1	9
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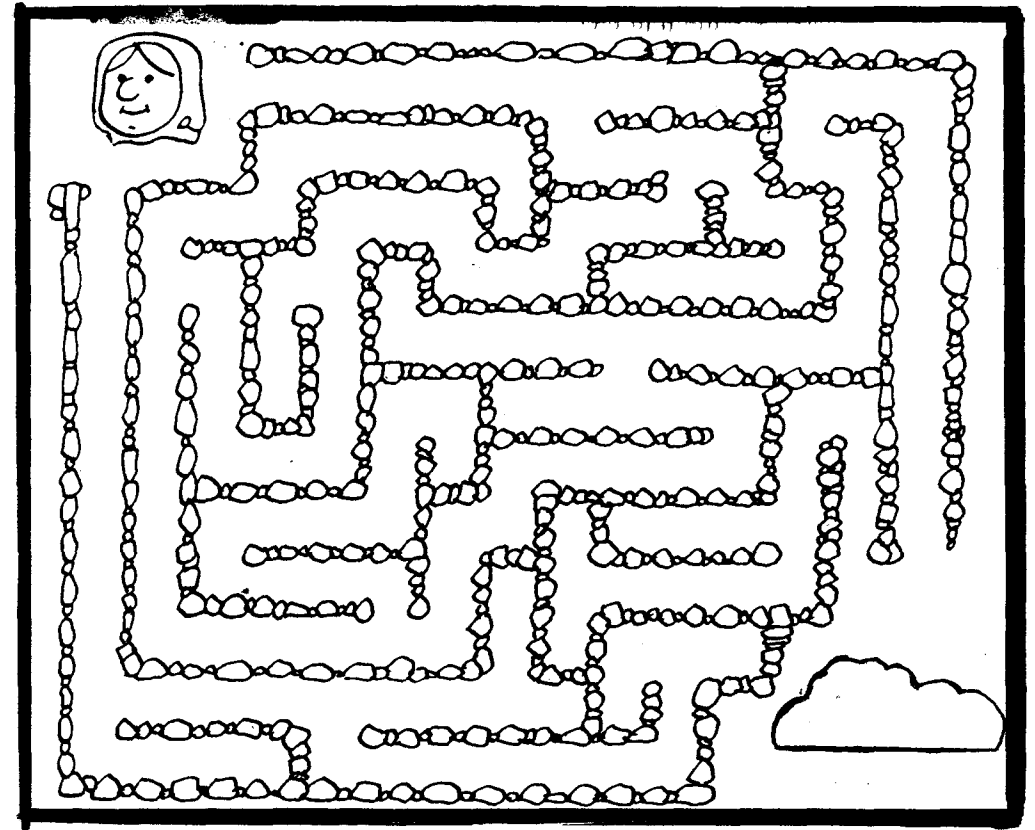
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Hannah's Prayer



Help Hannah's prayer get to God



***"When they call to me
I will answer them"***

Psalm 91 v 15