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1 Samuel 2:9 (ESV)

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.



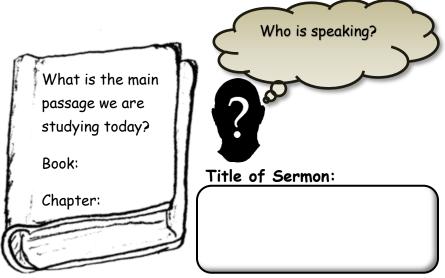
Generations of Grace

Year 2, Lesson 14



<u>Sermon notes</u>

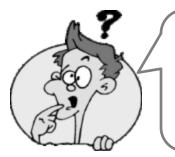
As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?



Words you heard but don't know...

	What are we learning about God from this passage? ite or draw something that you heard he sermon today.	
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Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then C talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____

but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is...

_____...changes the way I...

God Gives Israel a Prophet and Judge - Monday

> Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Samuel 1:9-19, 26-28

There was a woman named Hannah. She could not have any children. This made her very sad. She went to the temple and prayed. Hannah prayed and asked God for a baby. She did not understand why God had not allowed her to have a baby. She wanted one so much!

Hannah knew God was in control. What did Hannah do in these verses that showed she knew God was in control, or sovereign?

- a. She prayed to God as One who could give her a child.
- b. She gave her son back to God.
- c. She worshiped God as the One who answered her prayers.
- d. a, b, and c

She knew it was only God who would decide if she could have a baby. God waited until Hannah wanted a son so much that she would give him to the LORD, and that is exactly what Hannah did.

God gave her a son, and she named him Samuel. When Samuel was about 3 years old, she took him to the tabernacle to serve God. It would be hard for her to leave him behind, but Samuel was given by God to serve God.

The rest of this week, we will be learning more about how important this son of Hannah was in God's plans for Israel.

Application:

Have you ever prayed for something, and God gave it to you? If so, what was it that you prayed for? ______

Would you be willing to give it away to someone else if God wanted you to do that?

God Gives Israel a Prophet and Judge - Tuesday

> Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

What didn't happen very much when Samuel first went to work and serve with Eli (v 1)? ______

Even though this didn't happen very often between God and Eli, with whom WAS God willing and wanting to talk (v 4)?

When Samuel heard somebody call his name in the middle of the night, who did he think was calling him (v 5-6)?

Why didn't Samuel think about the voice being God's voice (v 7)?

How many times did Samuel go into Eli's room before Eli thought about the voice being God's voice (v 8)? 1 2 3 4

What did Eli tell Samuel to say the next time the LORD called to Samuel (v 9)? "_____, LORD, for Your ______."

What did Samuel tell the LORD when He called Samuel again (v 10)?

"_____, for Your _____."

Application:

Even though Eli was supposed to be a man of God, God wasn't doing very much through Eli. I think it is very neat to see how God used a young Samuel to carry a message to old Eli, even when Samuel hadn't had such a relationship with God yet. How does God normally speak to us today? *(See 2 Timothy 3:6-17.)* Bible Dreams Prophets When you read the Bible you should pray what Samuel said to God, *"Speak, for Your servant is listening."*

God Gives Israel a Prophet and Judge - Wednesday

> Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Samuel 3:11-21

God spoke to Samuel and not Eli or his two wicked sons. God gave Samuel a message. The message was against Eli. What was God's message for Eli (v 13)?

This was a hard message to tell Eli. Samuel was scared to tell Eli. Did Samuel tell Eli God's message the next day (v 18)? _____

God made Samuel a prophet. A prophet tells people messages from the LORD. He tells them to turn from their selfish ways. He tells them what will happen if they obey, or what will happen if they don't obey God.

Samuel was a good prophet. Everyone knew that what Samuel said was true and a message from the LORD.

Application:

Sometimes, you may have to do something that is hard to do. Maybe you have to walk away from friends who want you to disobey your parents. Maybe you have to tell your parents you broke something. Maybe you should be friends with somebody that others make fun of. Pray that God will help you to do what is right, even if it is hard!

As God's children, we are called to be like Samuel. We may not be prophets, like he was, but we can use God's written Word, the Bible, to tell people to turn from their selfish ways, too.

We should ask God to help us be like Samuel, who always spoke the truth of God's Word to others (even when it's hard) that they might worship God with all their heart.

Unscramble the tiles to see what a prophecy is:

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God Gives Israel a Prophet and Judge - Thursday

Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read:	1 Samuel 4:1-18	
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TRUE or FALSE	Samuel's message to Eli took place.
TRUE or FALSE	The Ark of the Covenant was also stolen.
	(Remember, the Ark of the Covenant is where God's glory dwelled with the Israelites.)
TRUE or FALSE	Even though Eli's sons refused to bow down to worship God as King, the Philistines' stone god fell over in the presence of God's Ark of the Covenant (1 Samuel 5:1-5).
TRUE or FALSE	When Eli heard the news about his sons and the Ark, he also fell over and died.
TRUE or FALSE	The Philistines liked having the Ark of the Covenant in their towns because they had greater health and wealth when it was there (1 Samuel 5:6-7, 11-12).
TRUE or FALSE	The Philistines put the Ark on a cart pulled by cows, and the cows walked straight back to Israel (1 Samuel 6:10-12).

Application:

No one can tell God what to do, or mess up His plans for His people. God said Eli's sons would die and they did. God made a false, rock god bow down to Him, and He gave the Philistines tumors. God even led the cows to carry the Ark of the Covenant back to where it belonged. So, can you mess up God's plans for your life? ______ Can anyone, or anything, in the world mess up God's plans? ______ What God says is going to happen WILL HAPPEN!

John 14:1–6 (ESV) – ¹"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also...I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

God Gives Israel a Prophet and Judge - Friday

> Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Samuel 7:1-14

Even though Israel had just seen God's awesome power, they still insisted on worshiping the powerless, false gods. Samuel called the Israelites to put away their false gods. What did Samuel say the LORD would do if they put away the false gods and worshiped the LORD with all their hearts (v 3)?

- a. The LORD would raise Eli back from the grave.
- b. The LORD would divide the Jordan River again.
- c. The LORD would deliver them from the Philistines.

Samuel told Israel to gather at a place called Mizpah. There, he cried out to the LORD to forgive them, and to help them. The Philistines saw everyone gathering, and they decided it was a good time to attack as they could kill all Israel in one spot! What did the LORD do in response to Samuel's prayer for Israel (v 10)?

- a. The LORD sent a mighty sound.
- b. The LORD confused the Philistines.
- c. The LORD defeated the Philistines before Israel.
- d. a, b and c

"Ebenezer" means *"stone of help"*. Samuel set up this stone to remind Israel that the LORD is their Stone of Help and not the false gods of other nations. While Samuel judged, Israel had peace with the Philistines.

Application:

Part of this story is used in a song we sing to worship God, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*:

Here I raise mine <u>Ebenezer</u>: Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood.

Jesus is our Stone of Help. He delivered us from the problem of sin by dying in our place. Now, we can be at peace with God forever!

God Gives Israel a Prophet and Judge - Saturday

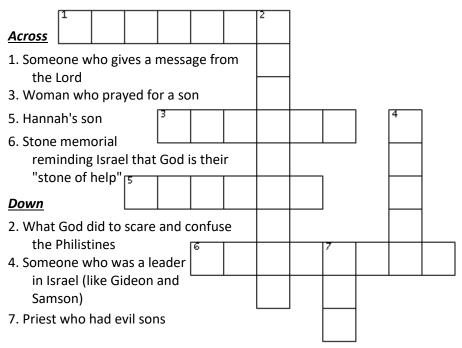
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Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Samuel 7:3-4, 15-17

The people did as Samuel commanded. When Samuel told the people what to do, he became their judge. Do you remember what a judge is? It is a leader sent by God to fight for Israel's freedom from enemies. We also learn in *verse 15* that he served as their judge for his whole life.

God gave Hannah a son. Samuel grew up to be a prophet. He also became a godly judge for Israel. God gave three gifts to Israel when He gave Samuel to them... a special son for Hannah, a prophet of God to Israel to speak God's messages, and a judge to deliver Israel from the Philistines. God's plan was perfect!



Prayer Journal

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Gray Road Baptist Church, Children's Ministries

This quiet time lesson was written to coincide with the Generations of Grace Sunday School curriculum. The daily lessons represented are in conjunction with the teacher's manual to provide a fluid, consistent message to your children both in Sunday school and in their private devotions. MacArthur, John. The MacArthur Study Bible; & Early Elementary, Generations of Grace. © www.generationsofgrace.com

Come join us on Wednesday nights in the gym! 7:00-8:30 p.m. UNIT #4: The LORD is an awesome God. Unit #4: Can anybody tell what the LORD is like? Unit #4 Answer: He's not like anyone else. Unit #4 Verse: 1 Kings 8:23 Big Idea #14: The LORD is a glorious Spirit. Big Idea #14 Verse: John 4:23-24 Big Idea #15: The LORD is the only true God. Big Idea #15 Verse: Psalm 86:8-10 Big Idea #16: The LORD is everywhere all the time. Big Idea #16 Verse: Psalm 139:7-10 Big Idea #17: The LORD knows everything there is to know. Big Idea #17 Verse: Daniel 2:20-22 Big Idea #18: The LORD is one God, yet three persons. Big Idea #18 Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14 Big Idea #19: The LORD is holy. Big Idea #19 Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3 Big Idea #20: The LORD is omnipotent. Big Idea #20 Verse: Psalm 135:5-6 Big Idea #21: The LORD is faithful. Big Idea #21 Verse: Psalm 145:13 Big Idea #22: The LORD's names tell us about Him. Big Idea #22 Verse: Deuteronomy 32:3-4

UNIT #5: God, the Good Creator.

Unit #5: Can anybody tell what the LORD is like?

Unit #5 Answer: God made all things good. Unit #5 Verse: *Genesis* 1:31

Big Idea #23: God created all things good in the beginning. Big Idea #23 Verse: Nehemiah 9:6

Big Idea #24: God created people good in the beginning. Big Idea #24 Verse: *Genesis 1:26-28*

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."