1 Samuel 1:20-28

**20**So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She namedhim Samuel,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%201%3A20-28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7233a)] saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”

**Hannah Dedicates Samuel**

**21**When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, **22**Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always.”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%201%3A20-28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7235b)]

**23**“Do what seems best to you,” her husband Elkanah told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%201%3A20-28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7236c)] word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

**24**After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%201%3A20-28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7237d)] an ephah[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%201%3A20-28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7237e)] of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. **25**When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli,**26**and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. **27**I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. **28**So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.” And he worshiped the Lord there.