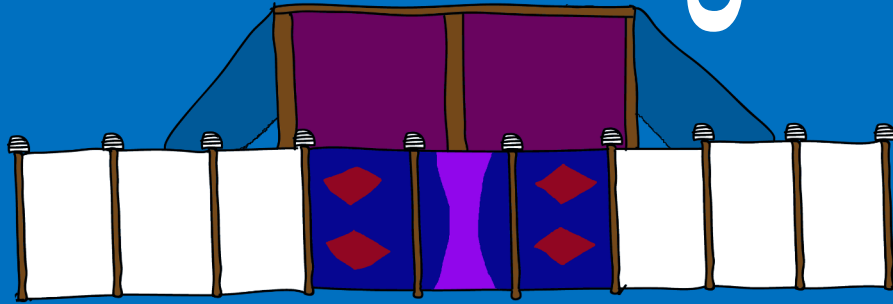


# God Talks to Young Samuel



# Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-19

Samuel was a special little boy. For a long time before he was born, his mother Hannah had been very sad because she had no children. She prayed to God for a son. She promised God that if he gave her a baby boy she would bring him to God's house to live there and work as God's special helper.

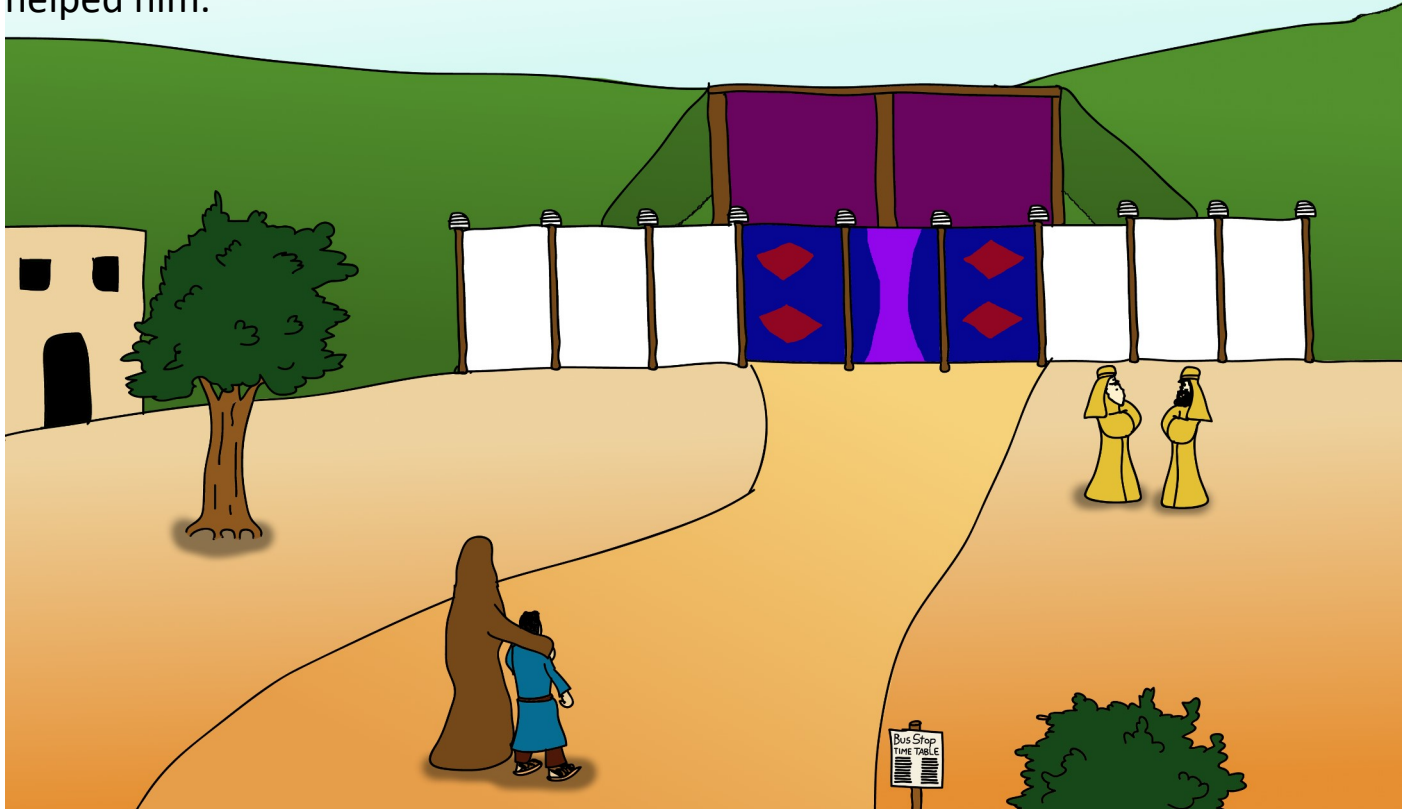


God heard Hannah's prayer, and he gave her a baby boy.

How happy she was! She called him Samuel.



Hannah did not forget her promise. When Samuel was still a small boy she took him to God's house. He lived there with the priest, who was called Eli, and helped him.

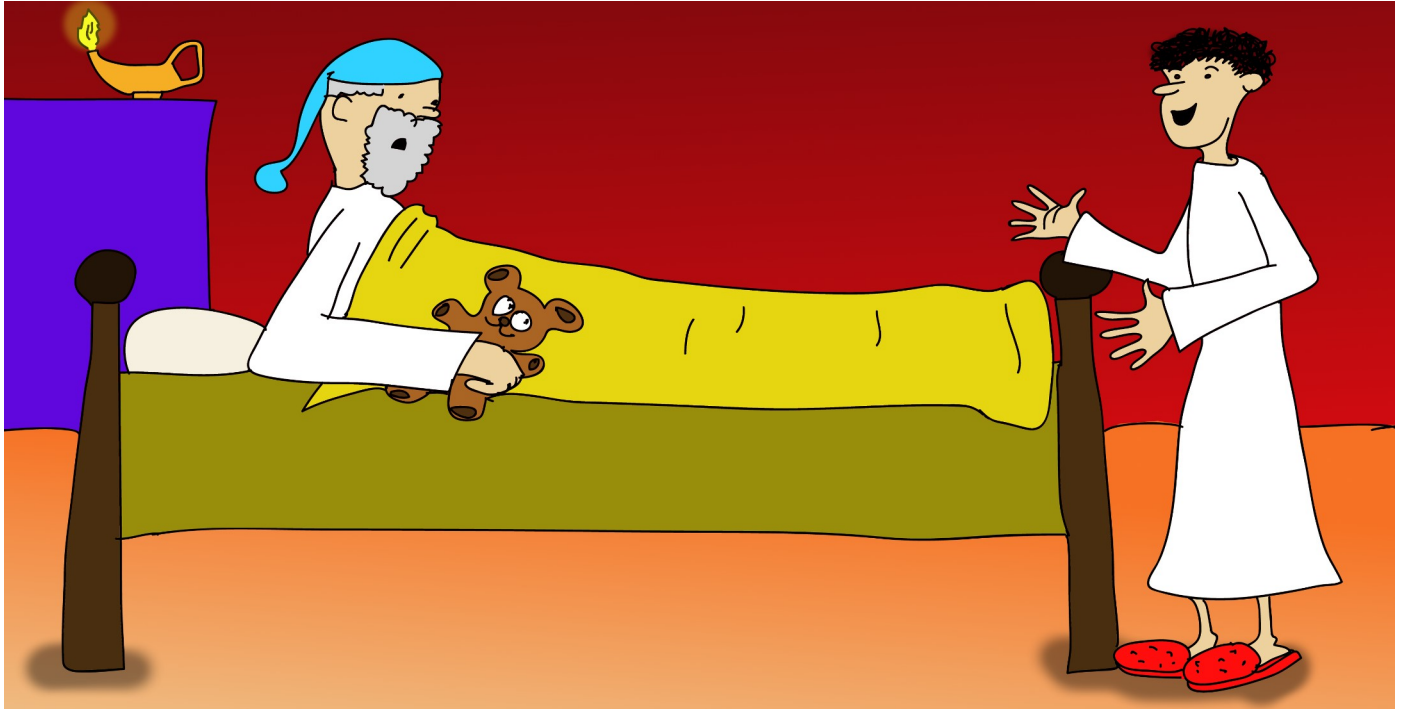


One night something strange happened.

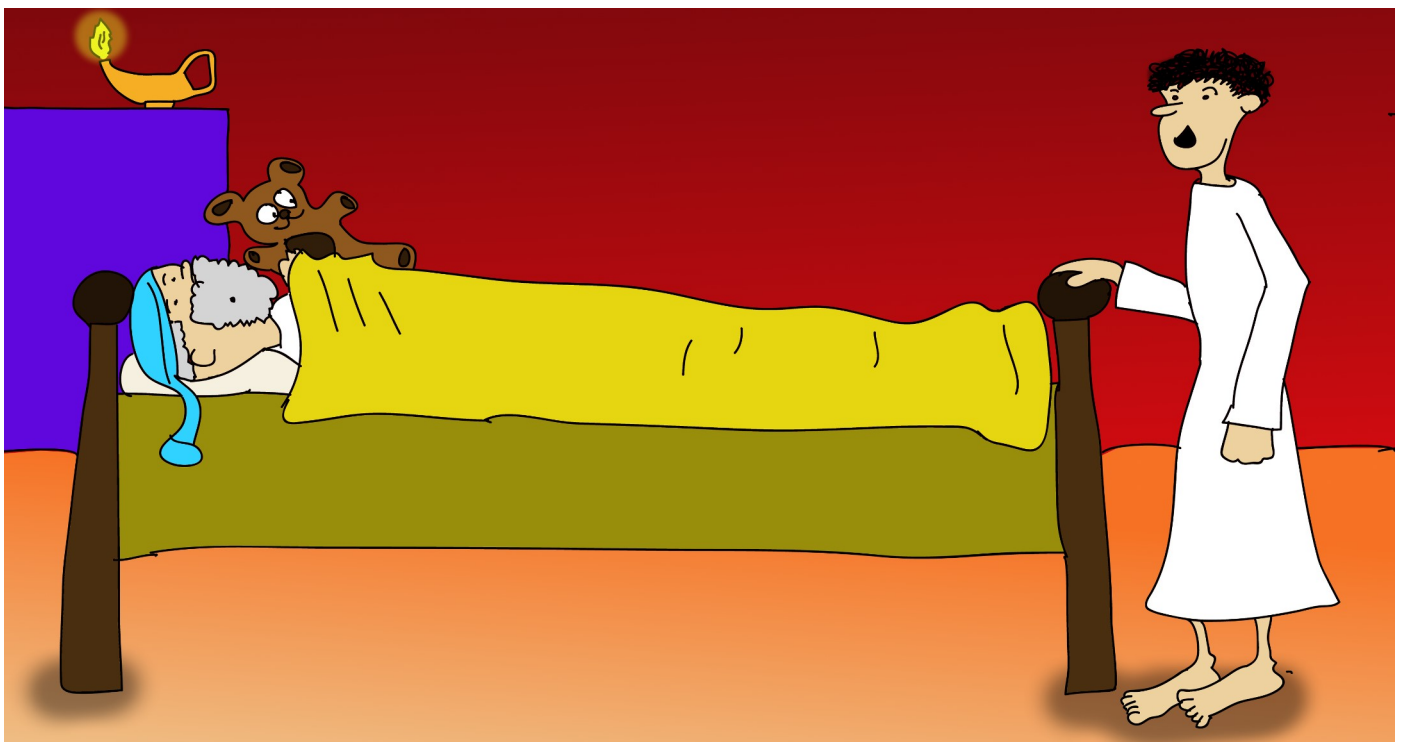
Samuel was sleeping when he was woken by a voice calling, 'Samuel!'



He ran to Eli saying, 'Here I am. You called me?' But Eli said, 'I did not call you. God back to bed.'



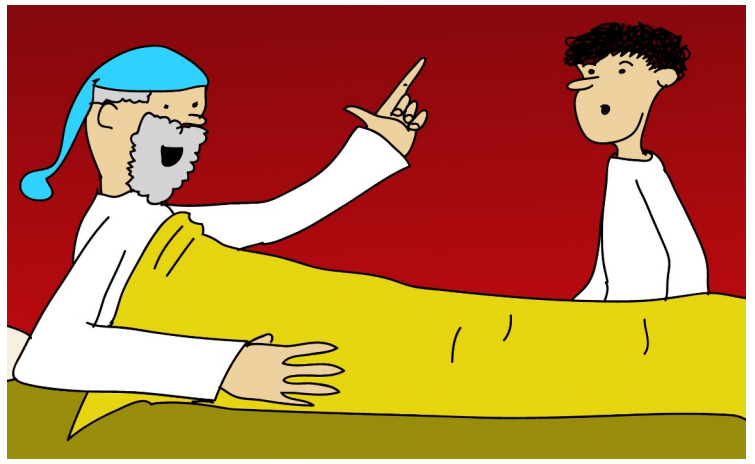
So Samuel obeyed. But again he heard the voice calling, 'Samuel!'



Samuel got up, went to Eli and said, 'Here I am. You called me?' 'No,' Eli said. 'I didn't call you. Go back to bed and lie down.'

A third time Samuel heard a voice calling his name, and he went to Eli.

Eli realised that God was calling Samuel, so he told the boy to go back to bed. 'If the voice calls again,' Eli told Samuel, 'say, "Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening".'



God came to Samuel again and called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said what Eli had told him to, and God told Samuel about the many important things what would happen.



As Samuel grew up, God was with him. God used Samuel to give special messages to his people.

The people listened to Samuel, because they knew that Samuel was speaking God's word to them.