



Hannah pours out her heart to God

AT A GLANCE


Bible

1 Samuel 1:9–20


Topic

God hears prayers


Takeaway

We can tell God everything that moves us – even with tears



5 minutes



Object: slips of paper, pens and a small basket



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "God hears prayers". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Ask: Who do you tell when something makes you really sad?

2 min

Story

Hannah longed for a child so much, but she did not have one. Another woman made fun of her. Hannah went to the temple and prayed – so quietly and so sadly that only her lips moved. At first the priest Eli thought she was drunk. But Hannah said: "I have poured out my heart to God." Then Eli blessed her. Later Hannah had a son and called him Samuel – which sounds like "God has heard".

1 min

Thought

Hannah did not have to be strong in front of God. She could cry and say honestly what was weighing on her. God does not always answer the way we would like – but he always listens. Everyone writes a prayer request on a slip of paper and puts it in the basket.

1 min

Question for all

What would you like to tell God honestly today?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, you hear me even when I am sad or cannot find the words. Thank you that I can tell you everything. Amen.



For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.
- Leave the object in view until the end of the meeting.



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