

Once each year his mother came to see him and to bring him a little coat that she had made.

At night he slept not far from Eli's bed, and one night he heard a voice call, "Samuel," so he hurried to see what Eli wanted. But Eli had not called him and he went back to bed. Three times he heard the voice and three times he hurried to Eli, and then Eli told Samuel that the Lord was calling him and that if the voice called again he should answer, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." Again the voice said, "Samuel," and Samuel answered as Eli had told him. Then God gave Samuel a message for Eli.

In all that country, there was at that time no prophet—that is, no man who was receiving messages for the Israelites from God. But now God had chosen some one—a little boy, who was busy and happy doing errands for good priest Eli.



TWO VERSES TO HELP US TO BE JOYOUS WORKERS FOR THE
HEAVENLY FATHER

**"My son, give me thy heart;
And let thine eyes delight in my ways."**

—Proverbs 23 : 26.

"Serve the Lord with gladness."

—Psalm 100 : 2.