

THE BOY SAMUEL

I Samuel 1: 24-28; chapter 3



One day in the tabernacle church a woman was praying. She seemed very sad, for the tears were running down her cheeks, and the kind old minister, Eli, saw her and told her to "go in peace." He added his blessing, asking God to answer her prayer. The woman's name was Hannah, and although she had many things to make her happy, she was sad because she had no baby son. That day in the church she promised that

if God would only send her a little boy he should belong to God and serve him all his life.

Hannah had come a long way to worship, and when she went home she was not sad any more, for she believed that God would answer her prayer. He did answer it, and she named her precious little boy, "Samuel."

When Samuel was about three years old he went with his mother and father to the tabernacle. Hannah told kind, old Eli about her promise to God, and she left Samuel with him when she went home, to live with him and to be his helper.