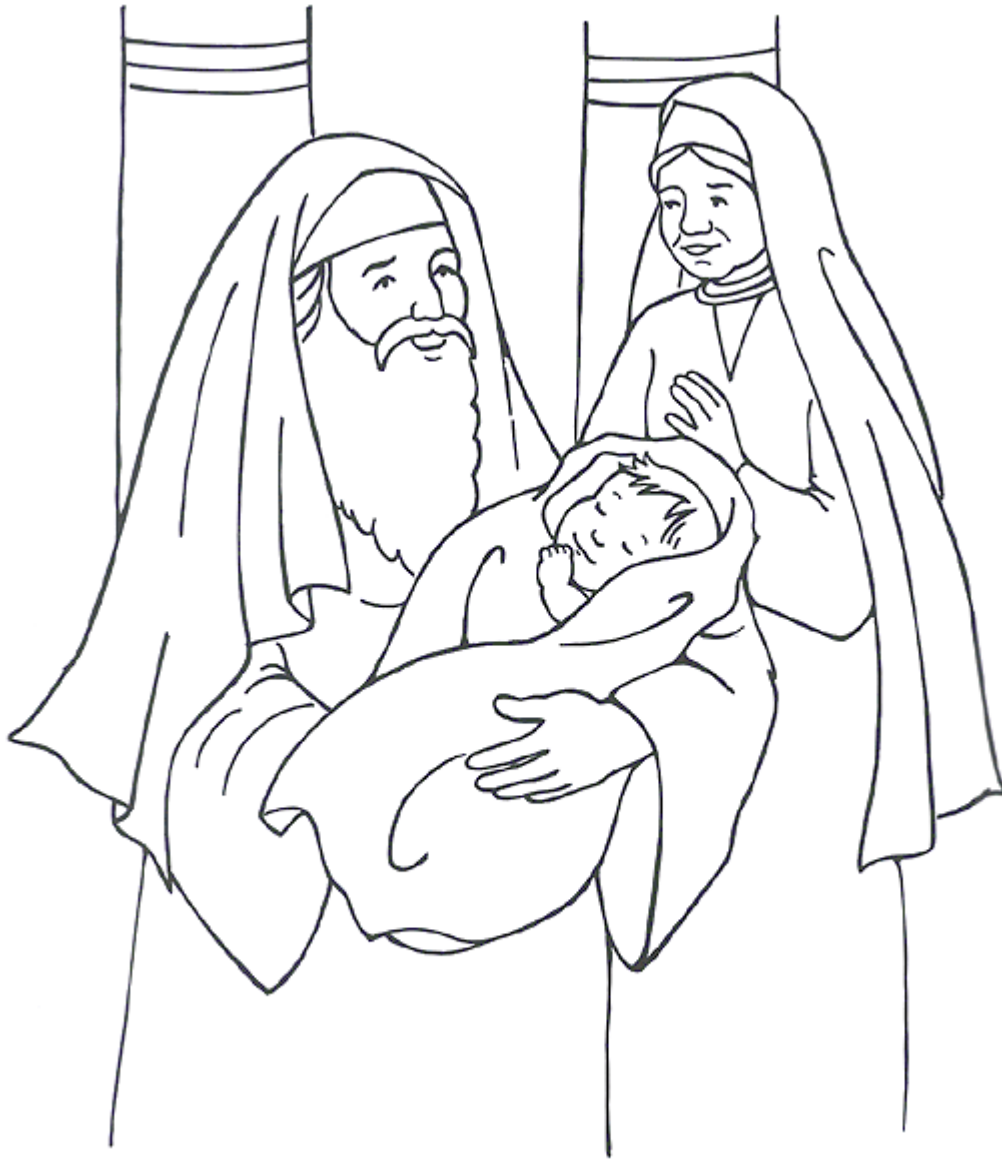


**St. James Episcopal Church  
A Moment for Kids – of All Ages!**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**Hannah's Prayer to God – 1 Samuel 1:4-20**

Today's Old Testament story is about Hannah. More than anything else she wanted a son. She prayed, and she prayed. God listened and Hannah had a beautiful boy and named him Samuel. Hannah thanked God, even before she had her baby; she prayed to God, praised God and said how wonderful God is. Hannah knew that it is important to pray to God and thank God, even before your prayers are answered, because no matter what, God loves us and gives us wonderful blessings.

## BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

When do we say thank you? Usually after we have received what we have asked for, right? But Hannah said thank you before she knew that she would have a son. Parents, talk to your children about what you are grateful for. Who gave it to you? Why? Why do you love people just because, and not only when they give you something. How do you say thank you. How do you feel when you express your gratitude?

### *Dinner Table Conversation:*

*What have you asked for – from your parents, friends, from God?*

*Have you always gotten what you want?*

*Have you gotten wonderful, special things that you didn't ask for?*

*Why do we say "Thank you?"*

*Why should we be grateful BEFORE we receive something?*

### *How can we say "Thank You" to God?*

- 1. Just say it! Prayer is just talking to God. He will listen, anytime, anywhere, in any language.*
- 2. Enjoy your blessings! Count them, use them and relish them!*
- 3. Give back to God by giving to others.*
- 4. Smile and share your joy.*
- 5. ...what can you add to this list?*

This leaflet is prepared by Mother Bonnie.  
If you have any questions about it, please let me know.