



THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **Hannah's Prayer**, page 164
- **God Calls Samuel**, page 169
- **Saul Becomes King**, page 172
- **Samuel Anoints David**, page 176
- **David Sees the Army & David Fights Goliath**, page 180, 182

Adding prayer before meals is a time honored tradition which keeps our focus on God as the giver of "our daily bread." The prayer goes like this...

"Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen."

Eventually you can also add...

"O give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever. Amen."

Take the time to sit together at your dinner table to eat together. Those few minutes a day, where you can share the highs and lows of the day, and pray together while you eat strengthens family bonds.

Give it a try.

Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

HANNAH AND SAMUEL — [1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:11](#) | KtBN page 106

- The story says that Hannah poured out her soul before the Lord in prayer. Why do you think it's good to "pour our souls" out to God in prayer?
- What does Hannah's prayer teach us about God?

Prayer: *Help me to trust in your timing, Lord. No matter what, I put my trust in you. Amen.*

GOD CALLS SAMUEL — [1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:18](#) | KtBN page 108

- Why did Samuel not realize it was the Lord who was calling him?
- Why do you think it's good for us to listen to God as he speaks to us in the Bible?

Prayer: *Almighty Father, thank you for speaking to us through your Word. Amen.*

SAUL BECOMES KING — [1 Samuel 8-11](#) | KtBN page 112

- After many years of following the Lord, why do the people of Israel ask for a king?
- By wanting to be like other nations, Israel rejected God as their king. Has there been a time in your life that, in trying to fit in with the crowd, you pushed God to the side, or rejected him as your king?

Prayer: *Gracious Lord, in the midst of our sinfulness, we turn away from you and your goodness. Forgive me. Thank you for never turning your back on me. Amen.*

SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID — [1 Samuel 15-16](#) | KtBN page 114

- Why does God reject Saul as King?
- In our sinful human nature, we are often quick to judge someone's worth based on appearance. Ask the Lord to help you see the others as he sees them.

Prayer: *Thank you, Lord, for using the "least likely to succeed" as your instruments. Amen.*

DAVID FIGHTS GOLIATH — [1 Samuel 17](#) | KtBN page 116

- What task is David given that puts him in close range to hear Goliath?
- David trusts that the Lord will deliver Goliath into his hand. In what areas of your life can your trust in the Lord grow?

Prayer: *Dear Lord, help me to trust you with the big and little matters in my life, knowing you will guide me through them. Amen.*