

Year A Quarter 3, Week 1

Key Message – We serve God when we help others.

Bible Story – Hannah’s Special Baby (1 Samuel 1:1-18)



Memory Verse – **May God** (point upward) **grant you** (hands out in front with palms up as if giving) **what you have asked** (hands folded in prayer) **of Him** (point upward) **1 Samuel 1:17** (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time - Ask each child what makes them happy? Tell each family member how they make you happy. Challenge your family to realise that things might make us happy for a while but only a relationship with Jesus makes us happy for always. Challenge your family to do something to help bring happiness to someone today.

Prayer- As you say Grace, thank God that he makes us happy and help us to serve him by bringing happiness to someone today.

Memory Verse – Repeat memory verse together



Drive Time – As you drive look for examples of people serving to make others happy, for example people working in gardens. Disabled carers, mother taking care of children etc. Brainstorm things that we can do to help others happiness. Sing a happy song.

Prayer – Before you get out of the car spend a few moments praying with your child thanking God that we can serve and help others to be happy.

Play Time- Bake some muffins or cupcakes with your child or another dish and plan to take it to a neighbour or someone in hospital etc. to brighten their day.



Or

Make some cards together and then visit a retirement village or children’s hospital and spend time cheering up the residents

Or

Use play doh to recreate and act out the story.



Bed Time - Read or tell your child the story from the Bible or a good Bible storybook. Ask your child Why did Hannah feel sad. How did her husband try to cheer her up? What did Hannah do? What did the Priest Eli do? Tell about a time when you were sad, you prayed and how Jesus helped you to be happy again. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories

Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer and then pray a short prayer thanking God for making us happy and help us to serve him by doing all we can to make others happy too.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 2

Key Message – We serve God when we help God’s leaders.

Bible Story – Hannah’s Gift to God (1 Samuel 1:20-28; 2:18-21)

Memory Verse – Say “For his whole life we will be given . . . to the Lord” 1 Samuel 1:28.



Breakfast Time – Talk about your Pastor/church leader and what they do and plan on a way you as a family can help them. Plan a special surprise/gift that you as a family can give to your Pastor/Leader and as a family sign a card to

take to them

Prayer – During Grace, pray for your pastor leader and thank God that we can serve Him by helping them.

Memory Verse - Repeat memory verse together



Drive Time – As you drive see how many different types of coats you can spot people wearing, e.g. Suit Coat, Fireman’s Jacket, Council Workers Coat etc.

Talk about what each of these people do/serve for a living. Talk about How

Hannah took a new coat to Samuel every year as he working in the temple and helped Eli. Hannah watched him grow as he served the lord. Challenge your child to serve Jesus as they grow just like Samuel did. Tell about when you began serving Jesus and how you have growing ever since spiritually. Sing a song about serving/growing

Prayer - Say a prayer together thanking God that we can grow, serve and help him all the days of our life just like Samuel did.



Play Time – Make a growth chart together, decorate it and write on the card your child’s name and that they will serve Jesus all the days of his/her life.

Mark your child’s height regularly and pray for your child each time you mark their height asking God to help us to be like Samuel and to serve him all our life.

Or

Act out the story together using different sized coats to place on your child and pretend they are growing up serving like Samuel.



Bed Time - Read the story from the Bible or a good Bible storybook to your child. Ask your child What did Hannah do with Samuel when he was old enough? Where did Samuel live? What did he do? How can we serve like

Samuel? Tell about when you dedicated your child and what it meant. Ask your child if they have any questions about the story.



Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray a short prayer and then Pray thanking God for our leaders and that we can serve God by helping them. Help us to be like Samuel.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 3

Key Message – We serve God when we listen to His voice.

Bible Story – Ears to Hear (1 Samuel 3:1-10)



Memory Verse – **Speak** (point to mouth) **Lord**, (point upward) **for your servant** (point to self) **is listening** (point to ears) **1 Samuel 3:9** (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time – Talk about what it means to listen to Gods voice and brainstorm ways you can listen to God. Encourage your child to listen for Gods voice today and to report back at evening meal time what happened.

Prayer - As you say Grace that God that we can serve him by listening to him in all sorts of different ways.

Memory Verse – Repeat memory verse together.



Drive Time - As you drive ask your child to put on their listening ears and to listen and name all the things they can hear around them e.g. Cars and trucks, siren, train etc. Talk about how Samuel listened to God and we can too. Sing a song about listening.

Prayer - Say a prayer of thanks to God that we can serve Him by listening to Him and ask Him to help us be good listeners?



Play Time – Play a game where you give instructions and the child has to do what you say. Talk about reasons for listening to parents and reasons for listening to God

Or

Act out the story together and practice listening to God. Talk about how reading the Bible, looking at nature, listening to Music, listening to the pastor preach etc. is listening to God.

Or

Visit a large cathedral type church or favourite spot in the outdoors together and talk about Samuel sleeping in the Temple and hearing God's voice.



Bed Time - Read the story to your child out of the Bible or good Bible storybook. Ask your child what Did Samuel hear? What did Eli tell him to do? How can we listen to God? Tell a story about when you listened to God and what happened. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories

Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray a short prayer and then pray thanking God for talking to us in all sorts of different ways and help us to listen to His voice like Samuel did and do what He wants us to do.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 4

Key Message – I will serve Jesus all my life.

Bible Story – Samuel’s Service (1 Samuel 7)

Memory Verse – Say “Samuel continued as a judge . . . all the days of his life” 1 Samuel 7:15



Breakfast Time – buy or print the saying “Christ is the head of this house” and encourage your family members to sign it and then pray over it. Place it on the wall of your home as a monument saying that every time we walk in and every time we walk out of our house we will remember that our family wants to serve Jesus all our lives.

Prayer – As you say Grace reaffirm your family’s commitment and thank Jesus for our family and that we can serve Him all the days of our lives.

Memory Verse -



Drive Time – As you drive look at different people going to work or working and describe what they do. Then challenge your child by saying whatever you do when you grow up you can serve God while doing it. Talk about what it means to serve God. Sing a song about serving God e.g. “Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam”

Prayer - Before you leave the car say a prayer of thanks to God that we can serve Him all the days of our lives.



Play Time – Help your child to find and decorate two rocks, one to give to a friend and tell them about Samuels’s service and once to keep as a reminder of our family’s commitment to serve Jesus all our lives. Help your child to plant a garden etc. around their rock.

Or

Act out the story with your child and use a pot and spoon to make the thunder noise. Ask your child who helps us during storms?



Bed Time - Read the story to your child out of the Bible or a good Bible storybook. Ask your child what did Samuel do? How did He serve God? What did the philistines do? What did the people do? How did God help them? How can we serve God all our lives? Tell some stories about what you have done to serve God and how many years you have been serving Him for. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories

Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray a short prayer and then pray with your child thanking God for looking after us all the time and to help us to serve Him all our lives.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 5

Key Message – God loves us and gives us everything we need.

Bible Story – Birds to the Rescue (1 Kings 17:1-6)

Memory Verse – Say while reading “My God will meet all your needs”

Philippians 4:19



Breakfast Time - Brainstorm a list of all the things that God provides for us. Talk about how God provided Elijah with all that he needed and He loves us and gives us what we need as a family too.

Prayer – During Grace say a special prayer of thanks to God for loving us and giving us everything we need.

Memory Verse – Repeat memory verse together.

Drive Time – As you drive look for examples of people eating. E.g. school children having lunch, people sitting in a park eating, people at a café etc. Talk about what they are eating and then ask who gives us our food and water? Sing a song about God caring for us.



Prayer – Pray with your child thanking God for loving us and giving us everything we need.



Play Time – Help your child cut out and make some black ravens. Place them on some fishing line and add a weight. Have them fly down to your child and pretend they are bringing food to your child. Eat some bread together and talk about how God cared for Elijah and how He cares for us too.

Or

Plant some seeds in some cups and water some and not others. Watch what happens and talk about what plants need to grow and how God did not send the rain to Ahab to teach him about who the real God is.

Or

Set up a bird feeding station and watch the birds feed. Talk about how God cares for the birds and how he cares for us too. Ask your child how they would feel if instead of us feeding the birds, the birds fed us?



Bed Time – Read the story to your child out of the Bible or Bible storybook. Ask your child. Who did Ahab worship? What did God tell Elijah to do? Where did Elijah hide? How did God care for Elijah? How does God care for us? Tell a story to your child when God cared for you? Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories?



Prayer – Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer and then pray a prayer of thanks to God for his grace in loving us and caring for our needs.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 6

Key Message –God uses others to love and care for us.

Bible Story – Miracle Oil (1 Kings 17:7-16)

Memory Verse – Say “He is our God and we are . . . under His care”

Psalm 95:7.



Breakfast Time – Make some yummy muffins for your family and extras. Talk about how the widow used all she had to feed Elijah and trusted God. We can share with others too. Encourage your children to share the muffins with someone today.

Prayer – During Grace thank God that we are under his care 24/7 and that we can care for others and others can care for us and part of living in His Grace.

Memory Verse - Repeat memory verse together.



Drive Time – As you drive look for examples of people caring for others. Make a list of all the people who love and care for you and your child. E.g. family members, teachers, church workers etc. Sing a song about caring.

Prayer - During prayer thank God for each person that cares for your family.



Play Time – Help your child to make some thank you cards to give to people who have recently cared for your family in some way. Help your child deliver them.

Or

Visit a person who has a newborn baby and talk about all the things that mothers do for new Babies. And talk about how God used others to love and care for us too.

Or

Act out the story using play-doh.



Bed Time - Read your child the story out of the Bible or Bible storybook. Ask your child. What was the widow doing? Why do you think God told Elijah to go to the Widow? Did the Widow care for Elijah? Did she trust God? How did God care for the Widow? How do others care for us? How does God care for us? Tell a story when you were grateful that someone loved and care for you. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories.

Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray a short prayer and then pray a prayer of thanks to God for using others to love and care for us. Help us to love and care for others too.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 7

Key Message – God will always answer our prayers.

Bible Story – The Boy is Alive! (1 Kings 17:17-24)

Memory Verse – **The Lord** (point upward) **cares** (arms together as if rocking a doll) **for those who** (point to others) **trust in Him** (point upward) **Nahum 1:7** (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time – Brainstorm ways that God cares for your family and then talk about what the word trust means. Challenge your family to each come up with one thing in their life that they need to trust God about.

Prayer – During Grace thank God for caring for us, listening to us and answering our prayers.

Memory Verse – Repeat memory verse together.



Drive Time – As you drive, discuss the concept of prayer with your child and then tell a story about when you prayed to God and how God answered your prayer. Sing a song about prayer.

Prayer – Thank God that he always knows what is best for us and answers our prayers.



Play Time - Make some get well cards with your child and then deliver them to some people who are sick and if possible pray with those people.

Or

Use magazines or the internet to make a collage of all the things God has made to keep us healthy. Thank Jesus for each.

Or

Act out the story with your child.



Bed Time - Read the story to your child out of the Bible or a good Bible storybook. Ask your child what happened to the boy? What did the mother do? What did Elijah do? How many times did he pray? How do you think the little boy felt when he opened his eyes? Tell a story to your child about a time when God answered your prayer. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories.

Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray a short prayer and then pray a prayer of thanks to God for His grace and love and that he cares for us. Help us to trust Him always.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 8

Key Message – God gives us power.

Bible Story – Up, Up and Away! (2 Kings 2:1-18)

Memory Verse – **God** (point upward) **gives** (hands extended then pull toward chest) **power** (both hands as fists move from chest outward) **and strength** (fist extended, arm tightened and pulled upward to show arm strength or “Muscle”) **to His people** (point outward to others) **Psalm 68:35** (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time – Make some fresh buns for breakfast. Make half of the batch with yeast and half without. Talk with your family about what gave some of the buns power to rise and not others. Talk about Elijah and Elisha and the power that Elisha asked for. Brainstorm ways to share God.

Prayer – During Grace pray to God that He gives us His power to help us.

Memory Verse – Repeat Memory verse together.



Drive Time – As you drive look for examples of power and talk to your child about them e.g. Power lines, lights, petrol station etc. Talk about where the various types of power come from. Then discuss where Elijah and Elisha’s power came from. Sing, “My God is so Great” together.

Prayer - Pray a prayer of thanks to God for his greatness.



Play Time – Whatever your child asks for, give them a double portion...e.g. two biscuits, two glasses of water etc. Explain to your child what a double portion is and what it meant when Elisha wanted a double portion of the power given to Elijah.

Or

Use play dough or similar to make the characters and act out the story together.

Or

Play with flashlights and then remove the batteries. Talk about the connection we need to Jesus and how we can receive this power.



Bed Time - Read the Bible story to your child and ask your child How did God show His power in the story? What did Elisha ask for? What did he receive? How can God’s power help us? How to we receive God’s power? Tell a story when God’s power helped you. Talk about the power of God’s grace. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories?



Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray and then pray a prayer of thanks to God for His grace, power and strength that can help us too just like he helped people in the Bible.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 9

Key Message – God’s people care for one another.

Bible Story – Never-Ending Oil (2 Kings4:1-7)



Memory Verse - Read aloud “Elisha replied . . . ‘How can I help you?’”
2 Kings 4:2



Breakfast Time – Challenge your family to do something today wherever they are to help/care for someone and then to be prepared to share what happened at the evening meal tonight.

Prayer - During grace thank God for caring for us and to show us ways we can care for others today.

Memory Verse – Repeat memory verse together.



Drive Time - As you drive, look for ways God can use your family to help others. For example visiting a children’s ward in a hospital, visiting a retirement home, picking up rubbish in a park, volunteering in a soup kitchen etc. Decide on a project you would like your family to do. Sing a helping song

together.

Prayer - Thank God that we can care for others just like God and Elisha helped the widow.



Play Time - Show your child some different types of oil and what they are used for. Pop some corn together and then talk about what the widow used her oil for. How much oil did she have after Elijah helped her?

Or

Bake some muffins or biscuits and visit someone who is in need/sick/lonely together.

Or

Collect lots of jars and fill them up together as you act out the story. Use food colouring to make it interesting and then discuss how the widow must have felt and how Elisha must have felt as this miracle happened.



Bed Time - Read or tell the story to your child and ask them How do you think the woman felt about losing her sons? What did she do? What did Elisha do? How did the Widow’s friends and neighbours help? What did God do? How can we be a good neighbour and friend to others? Tell a story when others have helped your family. Ask your child if they have any questions about the story.



Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray and then pray a prayer of thanks to God for being there to help us. Help us to care for others too.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 10

Key Message – God’s people are kind to one another.

Bible Story – Alive Again (2 Kings 4:8-37)

Memory Verse – Read the text aloud “**If one falls down, his friend can help him up**” Ecclesiastes 4:10



Breakfast Time – Have each family member trace their hand onto a piece of paper. Brainstorm with each of your family members to choose one person they want to be kind to today and then brainstorm how they are going to do this. Encourage each family member to write this on their hand. Gather the hands together and after prayer stick them onto the fridge.

Prayer - During grace pray over the hands of blessing and thank God that we can be kind to one another.

Memory Verse - Repeat memory verse together.



Drive Time – As you drive, see how many examples of helping you can find. E.g. someone being pushed in wheel chair, a parent helping a child cross the road, a dog helping round up sheep or maybe even a guide dog etc. Discuss why Elisha wanted to do something for the woman? How do you feel when others are kind to you? Sing a song about helping.

Prayer - Pray a prayer of thanks to God for family and friends who can help each other.



Play Time – Use magazines or the internet to help your child make a collage of helping pictures.

Or

Act out the story together and talk about how the woman and Elisha helped each other and what God did during the story.

Or

List ways you can be helpful to your family and decide on one thing that you will surprise your family with and do it together.



Bed Time - Read the story to your child and ask them. What did the Woman do to be a blessing to Elisha? What did Elisha do to be a blessing to the Woman? What did God do? How do you think the Little boy must have felt when he opened his eyes? How did the mother feel? How does God bless us? How can we be a blessing to others? Tell a story from your life when you did something special for someone and how it made you feel. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories?

Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray a prayer and then pray a prayer of thanks to God for His blessings and help us to bless our family and friends and others in the same way.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 11

Key Message – God helps us see and supply others’ needs.

Bible Story – Poison in the Pot (2 Kings 4:38-41)

Memory Verse – Read the text aloud. **“For I will surely show you kindness” 2 Samuel 9:7**



Breakfast Time - Challenge your family members to find a need today and do what they can to fix it. Set up a fund to send to a third world country to feed hungry children or maybe adopt a child through a charity group, and as a family come up with ideas to raise money together to send to this child or country.

Prayer - As you say grace pray that God will help us see and supply others needs.

Memory Verse – Repeat memory verse together.



Drive Time - As you drive today sing some kindness songs together and discuss how Elisha showed kindness and how we can too.

Prayer - Thank God for being kind to us. Help us to be kind to others too.



Play Time - Go on a tour of the house pointing out poisons and the symbols on them and why we don’t eat them. How does God care for us?

Or

Act out the story together and then brainstorm ways that we can help those who are in need around us.

Or

Make a stew together and then share it with someone who is lonely, sick or needs help.



Bed Time - Read or tell the Bible story to your child and then ask them what did Elisha want to do? What did the servant do? What did God do? What can we do? Tell your child about a time when someone showed you kindness or you showed someone kindness. Talk about your family’s project that you have adopted to help someone who is hungry. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories.

Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray a prayer and then pray a prayer of thanks to God for helping us to see the needs of those around us and that we can help Him by helping them.

Year A Quarter 3, Week 12

Key Message – We can help others, even in small ways.

Bible Story – The Floating Axe head (2 Kings 6:1-7)



Breakfast Time – Challenge your family to concentrate on the little things that God cares for in their life today.

Encourage them to make a list of those things to share at the evening meal.

Encourage them to discover a little thing that they can do to help someone else today too.

Prayer – During Grace thank God for caring for the big things and the little things too. Help us to care for others in the same way too.

Memory Verse - Repeat memory verse together.



Drive Time - As you drive point out the little things around you. E.g. small flowers, shrubs, animals etc. If possible find a sparrow or small bird and talk about what Jesus said about sparrows. Help your child feel their hair and

then try to count them. Talk about how Jesus even cares about the hairs on our heads. Sing a caring song together.

Prayer - Say a prayer of thanks to God for caring about the little things. Help us to care about little things and find little things we can do to care about others too.

Memory Verse – **Serve** (with palms up, arms at waist level, move arms forward) **each other** (point to others) **with love** (cross arms over the chest) **Galatians 5:13** (put palms together and then open).



Play Time - Use a large tub and experiment together with things that float and things that sink. Talk about how the axe head floated and who made it float.

Act out the story and talk about how Elisha and God cared about the little things in life and we can help others in small ways too.

Or

Go on a nature walk together exploring the little things.

Or

Make some little biscuits or muffins together and share them with someone.



Bed Time - Read or tell the Bible story your child out of a Bible or good Bible storybook. Ask your child why did they need a bigger school. Where did they build it? What happened to the axe head? How did Elisha help? Who made it float? Why do you think God cares even about the little things.

How can we care for others even in the little things? Tell a story when God has done something little for you that was still important. Ask your child if they have any questions about the stories.



Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to pray and then say a prayer of thanks for God for caring for us even in the little things. Help us to notice the little things that we can do to make a difference in this world and help others too.



Year A Quarter 3, Week 13

Key Message – We help others when we pray for them.

Bible Story – Angels All Around (2 Kings 6:8-17)

Memory Verse – **Pray** (fold hands as if praying) **for each other** (point to self, then to others) **James 5:16** (palms together and then open)



Breakfast Time – Challenge your family to write a prayer list for the people around us. Place the prayer list in your family Bible. Talk about how praying for others helps them.

Prayer - During Grace pray a prayer of thanks to God for caring for us and then pray for those mentioned on the prayer list.

Memory Verse - Repeat memory verse together.



Drive Time - As you drive make a list of all the things that are around us to protect us. E.g. seat belts, air bags, stop signs, speed signs, policeman etc. Now discuss how God protects us and keeps us safe. Sing a song about angels.

Prayer – Pray a prayer of thanks to God for His protection and sending His angels to help care for us.



Play Time – Blindfold your child and lead them around the room. After a while remove the blindfold. Talk about How Elisha prayed for his servants eyes to be opened to see the angels and what it must have been like for the King of Aram's soldiers to be blinded and led to Samaria.

Or

Make an angel mobile together and hang it in your child's room above their bed.

Or

Help your child paint or draw a picture of their angel caring for them. Sing songs about angels and thank Jesus for your child's guardian angel.



Bed Time – Read the Bible story to your child out of the Bible or a good Bible storybook. Ask your child why did the King of Aram have trouble-fighting Israel? What did he try and do? What did the servant do? What did Elisha pray for? What happened? What happened to the soldiers? Talk about guardian angels and how they care for us. Tell a story when God saved you or helped you in a tough situation. Imagine what it would be like to be able to see the angels in our house and car and in our bedroom.



Prayer - Hug your child and encourage them to say a prayer and then pray a prayer of thanks to God for protecting us and sending His Angels. Help us to care for others pray for others.