Living the Word Teaching Youth God's Story Narrative Lectionary, Year 3

Lesson #3-6

HANNAH AND SAMUEL

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10



Key Verse:

"There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."

1 Samuel 2:2

The Point:

God hears the prayers of everyone.

Unit Theme (September 8—October 20)

Promises Made, Promises Broken

THERE'S NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD

Create reminders to pray and praise.

Supplies:

- † Medium river stones
- Paint
- Fine-tipped paint brushes
- + Cups
- Water
- † Paper towels

Preparation:

- 1. Set out paint brushes, paint, cups of water, paper towels, and stones.
- 2. Stones should be large enough to paint on, but small enough to be easily held in your hand. Craft stores often have bags of river stones for sale in a décor section.

Instructions:

- 1. Hannah knew that God was her rock, and rocks can be a great visual reminder to us to pray. We are going to decorate rocks—one to keep and one to give away—that will act as reminders to us to pray and praise God like Hannah did. Distribute stones and painting supplies.
- 2. For inspiration, think about a time in your life when God acted like a rock for you. What is a symbol that reminds you of this time when God was faithful?
- 3. Invite the youth to paint one stone for themselves and one stone for another person they think could use a reminder of God's unconditional love.