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3. What do we learn from Hannah about how to pray?

Day 2

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3. Samuel was hurt that the Israelites wanted a king, instead of remembering God was their king. Why was this such a temptation for them? When have you found it hard to trust God to take care of you?

Day 3

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