

# House Rules

## The Jack – Raise Kingdom Kids

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### **1 Samuel 1:9-11, 20, 27-28 (NLT)**

Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. And she made this vow: “O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut.”

...and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I asked the Lord for him.”

“I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and he has granted my request. Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.” And they worshiped the Lord there.

### **Psalms 127:3-5**

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior’s hands. How joyful is

the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.

### **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

1.Children are a GIFT, not a PROJECT

Kids are God's REWARD, not our REPORT CARD

2.Arrows are meant to FLY, not SIT on a SHELF

A child's PURPOSE isn't to PERFORM — it's to be RELEASED on MISSION

3.Discipleship is the difference between WARRIORS and WANDERERS

Discipline without DISCIPLESHIP creates REBELS, not FOLLOWERS of Jesus

4.We're raising SOLDIERS, not CELEBRITIES

The goal isn't ACHIEVEMENT — it's ALLEGIANCE to Christ

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### **Students**

1. How do you relate to Hannah's choice to give Samuel back to God?
  2. Where do you feel pressure to be a "trophy" — to perform for others?
  3. What would it look like for you to be an "arrow" — aimed and released by God?
  4. Who in your life is helping shape you for God's mission, the way Hannah shaped Samuel?
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## **Talk About It...**

Adults

1. How does Hannah's story reshape your view of children as "gifts" from the Lord?
  2. Why do think parents have a tendency to raise kids as trophies instead of arrows?
  3. What rhythms from Deuteronomy 6 can you begin (or renew) in your house this week?
  4. What does it look like to release a child into God's calling, even if it costs you?
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## **Going Deeper - Bible Study**

**Primary Texts:** Psalm 127:3-5; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 1 Samuel 1:9-28; Ephesians 6:1-4

### **Observation**

- What emotions do you see in Hannah's prayer?
- What repeated actions are commanded in Deuteronomy 6?

### **Interpretation**

- Why did Hannah release Samuel back to the Lord?
- How does her example connect to Psalm 127's "arrows in a warrior's hand"?

### **Word Study**

- "Asked" (sha'al — Samuel's name means "asked of God").
- "Train" (chanak — Proverbs 22:6: to dedicate/initiate).

### **Connection to the Gospel**

- Just as Hannah offered her son, God the Father gave His only Son to the world.
- Jesus is the ultimate "Arrow," sent on mission for salvation.

### **Application**

- Parents: What's one way you can dedicate your parenting to the Lord this week?
  - Students: Where is God asking you to live as His arrow right now?
  - All: Pray Hannah's prayer — "Lord, what You have given me, I give back to You."
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**REMEMBER:**

The gospel is the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ... That he died on the cross for our sins and rose again on the 3rd day to defeat sin and death!\*\*

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**Read - Think - Pray - write down your thoughts... then do something - GO BE THE CHURCH!**

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