



# “SETTING KIDS UP FOR SUCCESS”

Part 1 of 1

Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM | Mother’s Day

Text: 1 Samuel 1:16-17 and 21-28

**Big Idea: Since every child is a gift from God, and we have so little time to train them, we must consecrate our children to God and cooperate with His plan.**

1 Samuel 1:21-28, When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow, Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.” “Do what seems best to you,” Elkanah her husband told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him. After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, and she said to him, “As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

## **I. Realize that every child is a unique gift from God.**

1 Samuel 1:16-17, Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.” Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

## **II. The process of releasing your child should begin early.**

Deuteronomy 32:11-12, Like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions. The LORD alone led him; no foreign god was with him.

## **III. We have so much to teach a child and so little time to do it.**

1 Samuel 1:24a, c, "After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was ... and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh."

1 Samuel 1:27-28, "I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD."

**IV. Make the Christ-following life as attractive as possible.**