



An Intentional Mother

1 Samuel 1:1-11

May 10th, 2020

Judges 21:25, 1 Samuel 1:10

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1. **Prays** for her children. *1 Samuel 1:11*

2. **Promises** her child to the Lord. *1 Samuel 1:11*

Find an area of **service** at the church.

Challenge your child to be involved in some type of **kingdom** service.

3. **Provides** for her child. *1 Samuel 1:24-28, 2:19*

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71% of America's women, age 18 and over are mothers.

The average mother has 2.7 children.

5.5 million dollars is generally spent on Mother's Day cards.

More calls will be made today than any other day of the year.

12 million single mothers under the age of 18

9 million mothers between the ages of 18-44 who have never been married.

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Judges 21:25 NLT In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

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1 Samuel 1:1-11 NLT There was a man named Elkanah who lived in Ramah in the region of Zuph in the hill country of Ephraim. He was the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, of Ephraim. ² Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah did not. ³ Each year Elkanah would travel to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of Heaven's Armies at the Tabernacle. The priests of the Lord at that time were the two sons of Eli—Hophni and Phinehas. ⁴ On the days Elkanah presented his sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to Peninnah and each of her children. ⁵ And though he loved Hannah, he would give her only one choice portion because the Lord had given her no children. ⁶ So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the Lord had kept her from having children. ⁷ Year after year it was the same—Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat. ⁸ "Why are you crying, Hannah?" Elkanah would ask. "Why aren't you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn't that better than having ten sons?" ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. ¹¹ 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."

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8 areas you can intentionally pray for your children each day.

- 1. Pray they will come to know Christ.**
- 2. Pray they will be protected from the influence of the evil one.**
- 3. Pray they will be caught when they are guilty, and they will understand there are consequences to sin.**
- 4. Pray that they will respect all authority.**
- 5. Pray they will seek good friends and avoid negative influences.**
- 6. Pray that they will remain sexually pure until marriage.**
- 7. Pray they will marry a godly spouse.**
- 8. Pray they will be responsible in their relationships.**

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Intentional Mother 2. Promises her child to the Lord.

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Hannah understood that with the gift of a child, there was also the responsibility of a steward.

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What does it matter if your child plays first string, yet does not have Jesus first in his or her heart?

Find an area of service where you and your children can participate at the church.

Challenge your child to be involved in some type of kingdom service.

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An Intentional Mother 3. Provides for her child.

1 Samuel 1:24-28 NIV 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. ²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ 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.

1 Samuel 2:19 NLT Each year his mother made a small coat for him and brought it to him when she came with her husband for the sacrifice.

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