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His parents took him to Eli at the temple church. "Samuel can I be your helper," they said. Samuel was a good boy and he liked helping Eli.

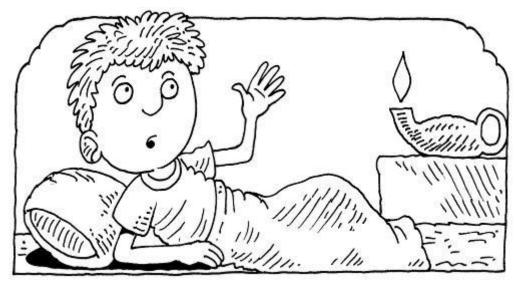


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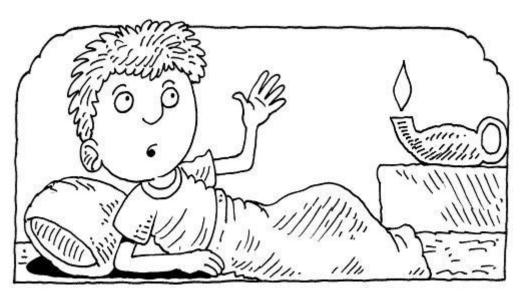


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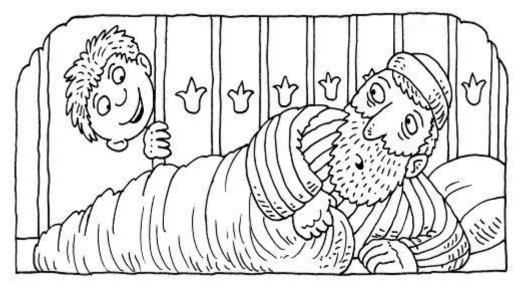


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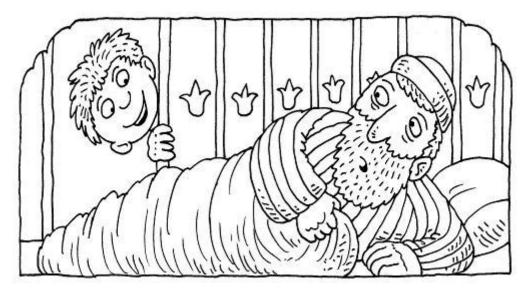
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