

God's Promise to Hannah



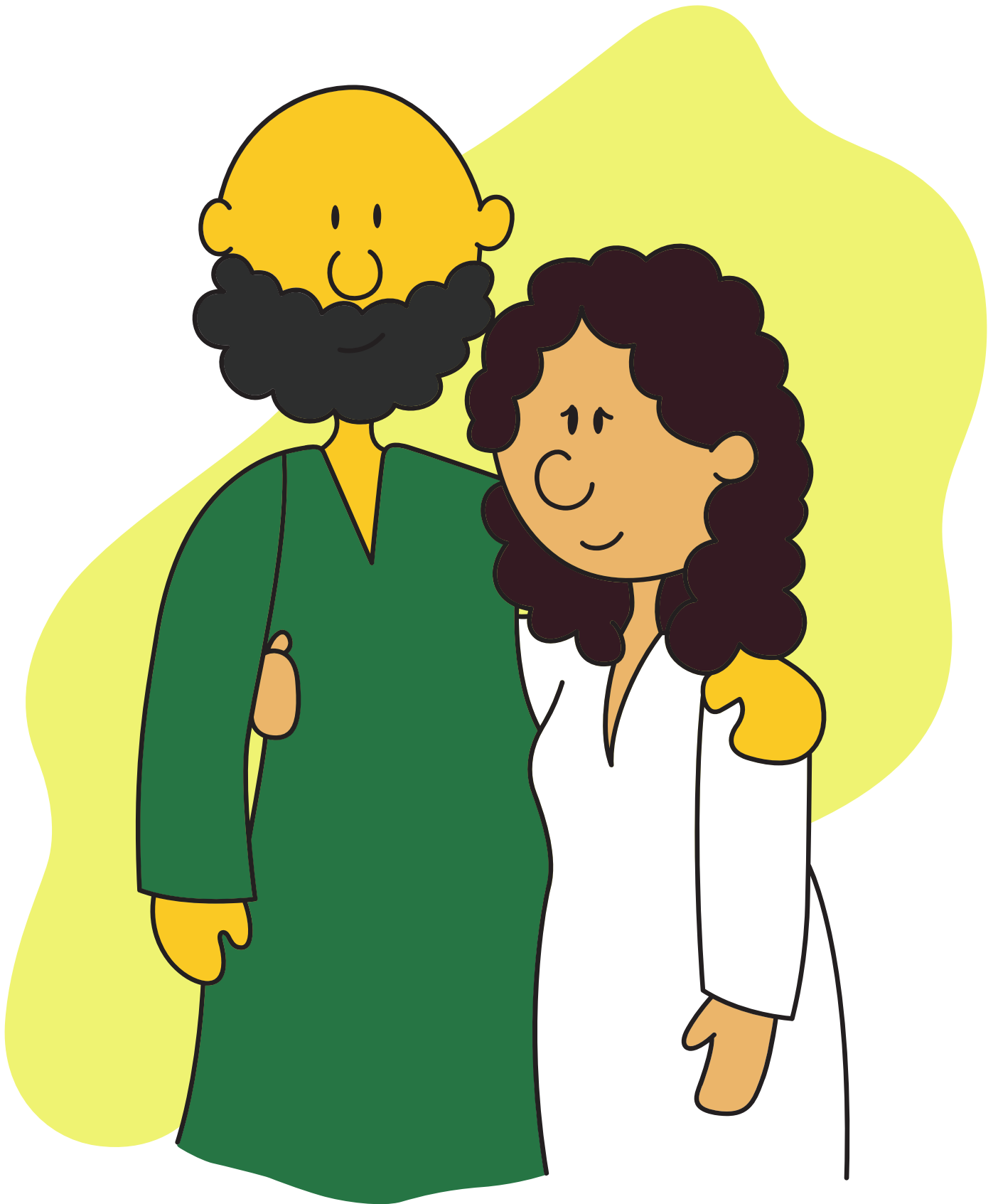
A celebration for Mothers' Day

Celebrating special days is always fun.
We have enjoyed Christmas, Easter
and many of your birthdays.

Our next celebration is Mothers' Day.

In the Bible, a lady named Hannah longed
to be a mother. This is her story.

Hannah had been married to Elkanah for
many years, but they had no children.



Her husband would say to her,

"Hannah, why are you weeping?

Why don't you eat?

Why are you downhearted?

Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"



When Hannah was in the house of the LORD she wept bitterly.

Praying to the LORD she said,

“LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life.”



The priest Eli answered,
"Go in peace, and may the God of
Israel grant you what you have
asked of him."



The LORD remembered Hannah,
and in the course of time she
became pregnant and gave birth to
a son.

She named him Samuel, saying,
"Because I asked the LORD for him."

Hannah had not forgotten the
promise she had made though, and
soon after she had weened Samuel,
she gave him to the LORD.



Samuel grew in wisdom and became one of Israel's greatest prophets.



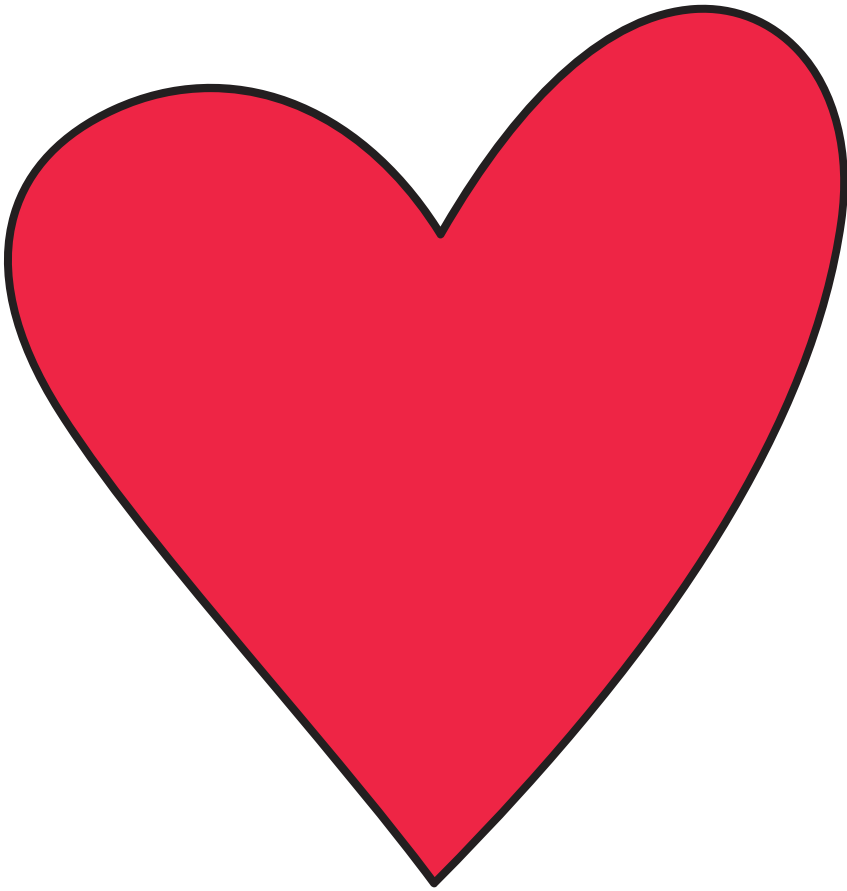
And just like Hannah, who rejoiced
and gave thanks to God when
Samuel was born,

we also celebrate today those who
rejoiced when you were born,

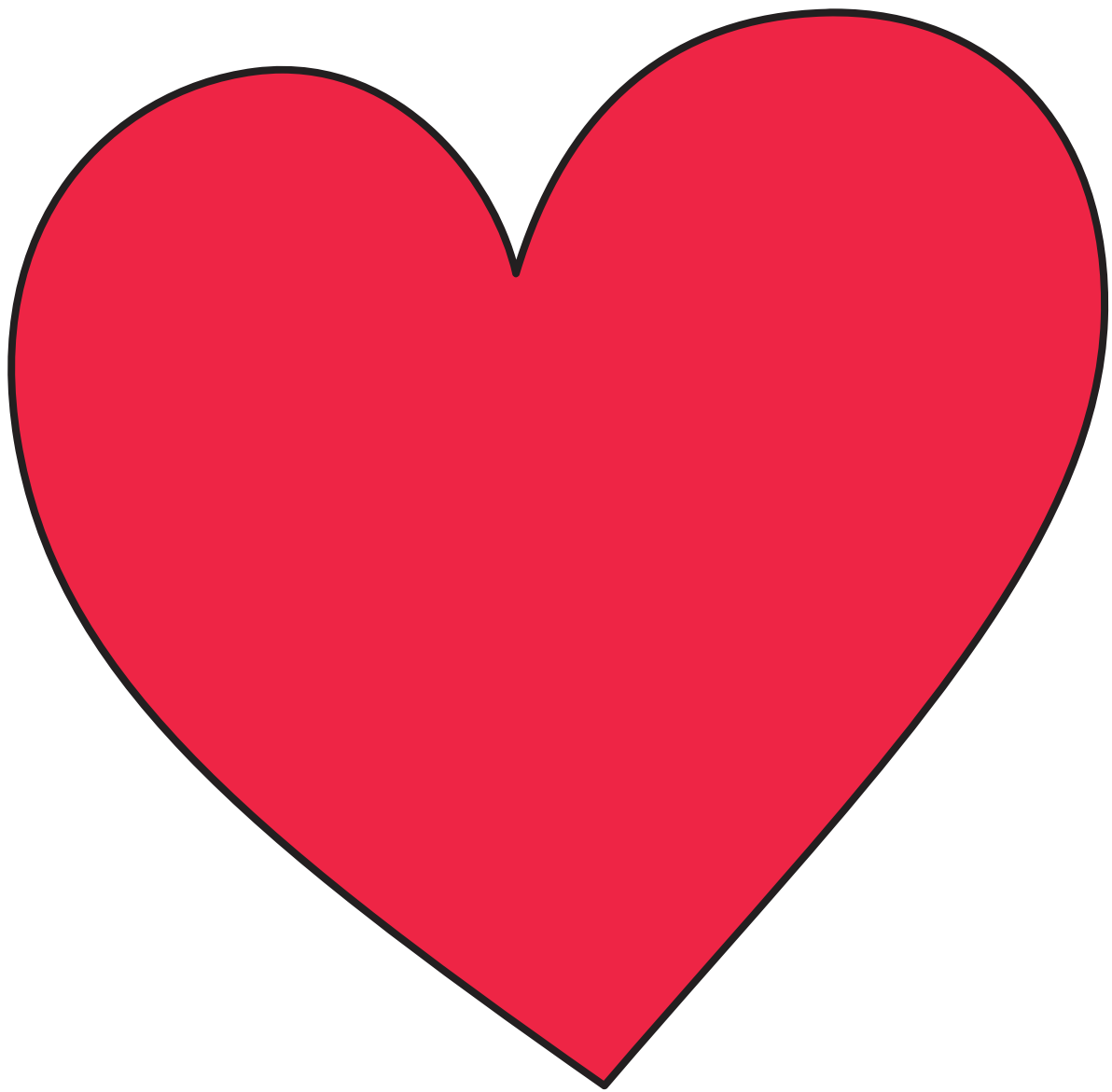
because they love you very much.



Not this much,



and not even this much,



but so much so,
that it does not even fit on the page!



To all the mums and grandmothers,
along with those caring for children,
may you too always know the precious
gift of love.

1 Samuel 1

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