



Discussion Guide for “A Coat is a Hug You Wear”

Raise Your Voice Week 5

Gift-giving is central to our Christmas celebration. Hannah gave her son Samuel a coat every year as her way of remaining present with him. So too we can be present with those God has brought into our lives when we give of who we are and what we have. Raising our voices can be tangible!

Scriptures for Further Reading

[1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26](#)

[Psalm 148](#)

[Luke 2:41-52](#)

[Colossians 3:12-17](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Colossians 3:12-17](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What’s the best present you’ve ever received? Why?
2. Read the story of Hannah in [1 Samuel 1](#). How do you think it felt for her to give Samuel up to the tabernacle?
3. JR. said in his sermon that she gave up Samuel as an act of hope. What did he mean by that?
4. What did the coat represent for Hannah?
5. What skills, talents or abilities do you have that you can share with others?
6. How is God inviting you to raise your voice in 2019?