

# **Eli's Wicked Sons**

*(A story based on 1 Samuel 2:12-36)*

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Now the sons of Priest Eli were very evil. When people brought their animals to sacrifice to the Lord, Eli's sons would say, "Give me that meat right now!" But the people would answer, "First we have to burn the fat off."



"No. Give it to us now, or we'll force you," said Eli's sons. When people brought gifts to the Lord, it was very special to the Lord and Eli's sons were treating God's gifts very badly.





Also Eli's sons used to kiss the ladies who came to God's tabernacle and commit adultery with them.



"Boys! Boys!" said old Eli. "Why are you doing these things? You are making God's people sin! You are sinning against God!" Even though Eli knew what his sons were doing, he still let them be priests at God's tabernacle.





God sent a prophet to Eli with a message. "I chose Aaron to be my priest and I said that your family could eat from the sacrifices that the people of Israel bring. Why aren't you happy with what I said you could have?"



You and your sons are getting fat taking all the best parts of the people's offerings! You are giving more respect to your sons than to me! No one in your family will live to be old, in fact your 2 sons will both die on the same day.”





Lord, help me to be a good example of a child and servant of God. Help me to respect and obey my parents, especially when the discipline is not fun.