

Loving Hearts & Working Hands



Parents' Page

Lesson 3

Samuel and Saul

Your child should understand...

Faith — Trusting that God's way is always best

Your child should be able to...

1. Tell what the men of Israel demanded so they could be like the other nations.
2. Identify who chose Israel's first king.
3. Identify Saul as Israel's first king.
4. Identify who always knows what is best for us.

Your child should be memorizing...

1 Samuel 12:24

“But be sure to have respect for the Lord. Serve Him faithfully. Do it with all your heart. Think about the great things He has done for you.”

Please read to your child...

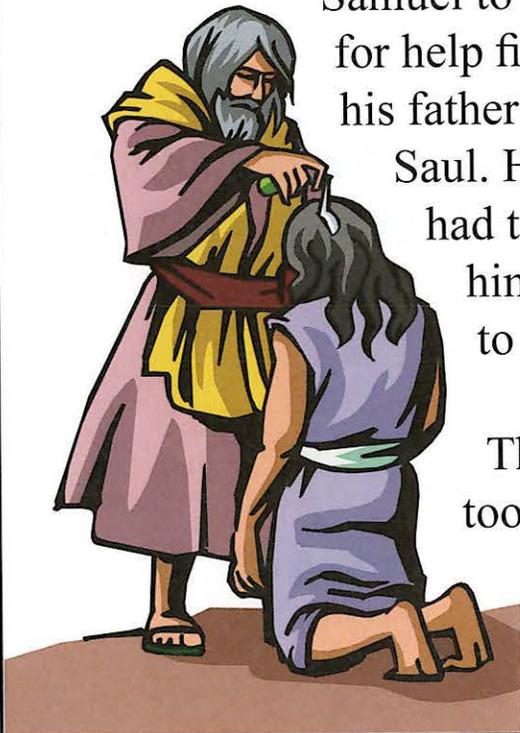
- 1 1 Samuel 8:4-6, 9-10, 13, 19, 22
- 2 1 Samuel 9:2-3, 6, 14, 17
- 3 1 Samuel 10:1, 24-26
- 4 1 Samuel 11:14-15
- 5 1 Samuel 12:14-15, 21

Samuel and Saul

Samuel was God's prophet and judge for the Israelites. He always did what was right. But the men of Israel came to Samuel. They wanted a king to rule Israel so they could be like all the other nations around them.

Samuel didn't think this was right, so he prayed to God. God said that the people were not turning away from Samuel, but they were turning away from God. God told Samuel that He would give Israel a king. God said to warn the Israelites that they would be sorry because they would have to obey their king. The king might make them do things they didn't want to do. Samuel told the people what God said, but they wanted a king anyway.

So God chose their king for them. A young man came to Samuel to ask for help finding



his father's lost donkeys. The man's name was Saul. He was very tall and good-looking. God had told Samuel that Saul was coming to see him. Samuel asked Saul to eat with him and to spend the night there.

The next morning before Saul left, Samuel took a bottle of oil. Samuel poured the oil on Saul's head. This was to show that God wanted Saul to be the first king of Israel.

The men of Israel wanted a

_____.



Who chose Israel's first king?

What was the name of Israel's first king?

Later, Samuel called the people to come together in the presence of the Lord. Samuel showed Saul to them and told them that the Lord had chosen Saul to be their king. All the people shouted, "May the king live a long time!"

God gave the Israelites a king, even though He knew the kind of king they wanted was not the best thing for them. We must remember that God always knows what is best for us!

Who always knows what is best for us?

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Memory Verse:

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Fill in the blanks in your memory verse:

1 Samuel 12:_____

“But be _____ to have _____ for
the _____. Serve _____ faithfully. Do it with
all your _____. Think about the _____
things _____ has done for _____.”



Working Hard on Bible Facts

Who is the whole Bible about? (Jesus: Jesus is Coming – Jesus is Here – Jesus is Coming Again!)

Can you say **John 3:16**? (“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”)

On your **Bible map**, put your **elbow** on the land of **Canaan**.