

Loving Hearts & Working Hands



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Lesson 4

King Saul's Sins

Your child should understand...

Obedience — Showing love for God by obedience to Him

Your child should be able to...

1. Identify who and what King Saul was told to kill in Amalek.
2. Identify the fact that Saul did not obey God.
3. Describe Saul's punishment for his disobedience.

Your child should be able to say...

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 13:1, 8-13
- 2 1 Samuel 14:13-14, 20, 23
- 3 1 Samuel 14:46-48
- 4 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 9-15
- 5 1 Samuel 15:16-17, 20-23, 35

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At first Saul was a good king for Israel. Saul led the Israelites in many battles against their enemies. But it wasn't very long before King Saul began to disobey God.

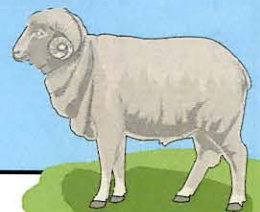
Samuel told King Saul to wait for him to come to offer sacrifices to God. Then the Israelites would be able to go and fight the Philistines. But Saul didn't want to wait for Samuel, so he went ahead and offered the sacrifices himself. When Samuel got there, he asked, "What have you done?" He was very angry to see that Saul had disobeyed God. Samuel told Saul that God would find someone else to be king over Israel.

Samuel brought King Saul a message from God. The Lord wanted Saul and the Israelites to fight the people of Amalek and their king Agag. He told Saul to destroy all of the Amalekites and everything they had because they were sinners. King Saul did fight the Amalekites, but he did not obey God. He did not kill Agag, the king of Amalek. He did not destroy everyone and everything. He allowed the Israelites to keep some of the Amalekites' sheep and oxen.



Did God tell King Saul to destroy all of the Amalekites and everything they had?

Did King Saul obey God? _____



Saul was returning from the battle. Samuel came to meet him. Saul told Samuel that he had done what God told him to do. Samuel had heard the sheep bleating and the oxen lowing. He asked Saul why he had disobeyed God. Saul made excuses. He said that it was the Israelites' fault for bringing the animals back with them. Samuel told Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice."

Samuel told Saul that he would not get to keep on being king because he had disobeyed God. God would choose a new king who would love the Lord with all his heart and would obey God.

True or False?

God punished King Saul by telling him that he would not get to keep on being king, and a new king would take his place.



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Memory Verse:

It's time to **say your memory verse in Bible class without any help!** Have you been practicing?

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Working Hard on Bible Facts

What is the book of **Leviticus** about?
(Being holy; priests and sacrifices)

Sit up very tall in your chair, and say the names of **Jesus' twelve apostles**. (Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)

On your **Bible map**, use your **ring finger** to point to **Moab**. Then use your **pinkie finger** to point to **Mount Nebo**. Use your **pointer finger** to show the way **Israel left Egypt**, **crossed the Red Sea**, went to **Mount Sinai**, wandered in the **Wilderness**, and went into **Canaan**.