

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 2

#### CONNECTION

**POINT:** Connection to Christ calls for consistent loyalty.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Setting goals is important. Any successful businessperson or winning athlete will attest to that. But what is behind those goals? A desire for money, a prize, or the applause of others? When we live lives connected to Christ, we discover a greater goal, one that supersedes and alters all other goals: a desire for God to be glorified. This grand goal is achieved as we live loyally connected to Jesus.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

# FAMILY CONNECTION

*Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.*

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 10: 17-25; 13:1-14

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Help your preschooler make a list of right and wrong choices for her. Remind her that God will help her make the right choices.

The Israelites asked God to name a king to be over them. God chose a man named Saul to be the king. The time came for the Israelites to meet their new king, but Saul was missing. The people found Saul hiding. Saul stood among all the people, and they shouted, "Long live the king!"

Saul was king for many years. Saul took an army to fight a battle, but the soldiers were afraid of the large army. Instead of waiting for Samuel to make an offering, Saul decided to make an offering to God himself. He did not follow God's plan.

When Samuel came, he was angry. He asked, "What have you done? You have disobeyed God. You will not be king much longer. God has already chosen a new king."

## KIDS

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 10: 17-25; 13:1-14

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story and talk about ways Saul disrespected God. Explain that these kinds of actions are sin. Help your child memorize the Weekly Bible, Psalm 86:9-10.

The Israelites had rejected God, even though He had saved them from their troubles. They demanded God give them a king

God chose Saul from to be the king of Israel. No one could find him! God told the people Saul was hiding among the supplies. When Saul stood up, the people thought he looked like a king. Samuel told the people God had chosen Saul. The Israelites were happy to have a king.

King Saul got ready to fight with the Philistines. The Israelite army was afraid of the Philistines.

Samuel told Saul he would come and make an offering to pray for the battle. Saul got tired of waiting and chose to make the burnt offering himself.

God was angry with Saul. Samuel told Saul God had chosen another king.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** John 13:21-27,31-35

- What makes betrayal so damaging in our relationships?
- Who or what does our culture glorify?
- What does it look like to love other people like Jesus loves us? How does our love for God and others point people to Christ?

**Live It Out:** One way that we powerfully demonstrate loyalty and commitment is within the context of marriage. From the beginning, God established the family as one of the clearest ways He'd make Himself known and accomplish His purposes. We are called to be loyal not only to God, but to others in our lives. In fact, loyalty plays a major part in healthy relationships.

How have you been loyal to someone in your life? Who has been loyal to you? Consider these questions with your family and then write a thank you note to send to those who have been loyal to you to share how much you appreciate them.