

## SUMMER 2024

Unit 1, Session 3

### CONNECTION POINT:

God promised to bless all people through His chosen people.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Everyone wants to believe that their family, their hometown, and their place of origin are special. We certainly see this in sports rivalries. God does have one group that is special; the descendants of Abraham are referred to as God's chosen people. This does not mean they are better than others, but that God chose them to be the conduit through which the rest of humanity might be blessed with a relationship with God.

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

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 8:4-9; 9:15-17,27; 10:1,17-25

**Live It Out:** Help your child make a book. Fold two sheets of paper together. Provide markers and stickers of ways to obey God. Help her print *God Helps Me* on the front.

Samuel was getting old. He had been a judge in Israel for many years. Some of the men in Israel went to talk with Samuel. The men told him that they wanted a king to lead them. The people of Israel wanted to be like other countries.

Samuel prayed to God. God said, "Give the people a king, but warn them about what having a king would be like."

God said He would send a man that Samuel should name as the king. The next day Samuel saw Saul. God told Samuel, "This is the man. I have chosen Saul to be the king." Samuel poured oil on Saul's head and told him, "God has chosen you to be the king of Israel."

Samuel gathered the Israelites and introduced Saul, their new king. But Saul was hiding. The people brought Saul out, and the Israelites shouted, "Long live the king!"

## KIDS

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 8:1-10, 19-22; 9-10; 11:12-15

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Say that God can do anything. Recall stories in which God performed miracles such as Noah, crossing the Red Sea, and healing sick people.

Samuel appointed his sons as judges over Israel. Samuel's sons did not obey God. They wanted to have a king like the other nations. Samuel prayed to God. Samuel warned them that a king would make their lives harder. They insisted, so God told Samuel to appoint a king.

Saul went searching for his father's donkeys. He and his helper could not find them. They went to ask for help and met Samuel. When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, "Here is the man who will be the king for my people."

Samuel invited Saul to a banquet. Samuel told Saul that God had a special plan for him. Samuel anointed Saul with oil. God had chosen Saul to be king. Samuel told the Israelites that God had chosen Saul to be Israel's first king.

The people made Saul king. They were grateful that God chose Saul to be their king.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-7; 17:7-11

- Why was God's promise to Abraham such a defining moment?
- When have you struggled to understand how God's promises line up with the realities in your life?
- How have you come to understand more and more about God and His purposes?

**Live It Out:** God established a new covenant relationship with Abraham and promised that through Abraham and his descendants, He would bless the world in ways that previous people had failed to do. God works through people who live by His Word to bless those around them. Sometimes, God's call on our lives is very clear, but others, we might struggle to understand the things God calls us to.

Give your student the opportunity to ask any questions he or she may have about God's call on his or her life. Pray together and discern what steps God might have him or her take in following Him.