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Date November 8, 2026

Bible Passage 1 Samuel 8

Main Point
God looks at the heart.

Application
I can love the Lord with my whole heart.

Today's Discovery

Samuel continued to lead Israel as a judge and prophet for many years. When Samuel grew older, the leaders of Israel came to him and demanded a king. The nations around them had kings to lead their armies, and the Israelites wanted to be like them. But God had set Israel apart to be His people, and He was already their perfect King.

Samuel was upset by their request and prayed to the Lord. God told Samuel that the people were not rejecting Samuel, they were rejecting God as their King. God warned the Israelites that an earthly king would not be able to care for them perfectly and that one day they would cry out to Him for help. Still, the people refused to listen. They wanted a king who would lead them and fight their battles like the kings they saw around them.

God agreed to give Israel a king, but things would not go well for His people. The Israelites were looking at what the other nations had instead of looking to the Lord and trusting Him. God would use Israel's kings to show His people that they needed a better King—one who would love and lead them perfectly.

Trail Talk at Home

Talk about the Israelites wanting a king because the nations around them had kings. Have you ever wanted something that someone else had? Remind your child that God knew what His people needed better than they did, and He knows what is best for us too. Pray together, asking God to help your family trust Him instead of always wanting what others have.

Bible Memory Verse

"…The Lord looks at the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7b

Note to Parents

We would love for your child (Pre-K-4th Grade) to join us for **Impact Kids** Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00.

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