

SAUL SINNED AND WAS REJECTED



Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 13-15

Date:

Age: 2's/3's

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7b

God Is...

Holy

Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15**
- **Bible Story.....9:15-9:30**
- **Craft/Coloring Page;.....9:30-9:45**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:45-10:00**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....10:00-10:15**
- **Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:45**

Notes and Reminders

Happy First Summer Sunday! Thank you so much for your willingness to serve and care for the children of LEFC!



SUMMER SUNDAYS 2025

OUTLINE



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the 3 activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in all 3 activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so everyone has the opportunity to participate.

Find the Animals

- The red, free standing sensory bin will have crinkled paper inside and hidden toy animals in the bin. Guide the children to find the animals using their hands. Ask the children about the animals they find.
- SAY In our story, God told Saul to destroy everything after his army won the battle. Saul did not obey God. He kept the best animals. Because of Saul's sin, God was going to choose a new king.

Build the Crown

- Use masking tape to make several basic large crown outlines on the floor. Spread wood or cardboard blocks on the floor. Guide the children to fill in the crown outlines by placing blocks inside the tape or placing the blocks on the tape to duplicate the shape.
- SAY Kings often wear crowns. King Saul did not obey God. The only king who obeyed God in everything He did is King Jesus.

Build Pens for Animals

- Use the blocks with the "Block Fronts" attached in the small plastic bin. Lay the prepared wooden blocks and additional wooden blocks on a table or the floor. Place the farm animal figures nearby. Say: Today we will learn about King Saul. Direct children to the blocks and farm animals. Encourage them to use the blocks to build pens or barns for the animals. Save the prepared blocks with block fronts to be used in future activities. Return them to the small bin on your counter.
- SAY The Israelites wanted to have a king just like all of their neighbors around them. So, God chose Saul to be their king and Saul helped God's people win a battle. Saul was a human king who did not obey God. Today we are going to hear what happened to Saul when he disobeyed God. God told Saul to destroy everything, but Saul did not obey. He kept the best animals. That was disobeying God. Disobeying is called sin. Sin separates us from God. Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy. That means that He is perfect.





Clean Up and Gather for Story

9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story

9:15-9:30


Play a Game: Obey or Disobey?


- Invite the kids to group time and to sit in a circle. Explain that you will say a situation. If the child is obeying, they stand up. If the child is disobeying, they stay seated.
- Possible scenarios: "A boy cleans up his room after his father asked; a girl tells her teacher "no" when it is time to put away the toys; a child shares a cookie with his brother when his mother asked him to share; a child brushes his teeth before bed after his grandfather reminded him."
- Say: You knew when the children were obeying or disobeying. In our Bible story, King Saul chose not to follow the instructions he had been given. He did not obey God and Saul sinned. Sin is when we disobey God. Listen to hear what happens to Saul.

Tell the Bible Story

- Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 13-15 so that children know this story is found in the Bible. Show the Bible Story Picture to the children. Tell the Bible story using the provided script below.
- SAY The Philistines came to fight against the Israelites. They had more soldiers, more chariots, and more horses than the Israelites. When the Israelites saw the Philistines, they were King Saul wanted to make an offering to God. Saul waited for Samuel to come, but then decided to make the offering himself. When Samuel came, he asked, "Saul, what are you doing? You will not be king for very long. God will choose a king who will obey Him." Some time later, the Israelites won a battle against the Amalekites (uh MAL uh kights). God told Saul to destroy everything, but Saul did not obey. He kept the best animals. Samuel told Saul, "You did not obey God, so God will not let you be king." Saul knew he had sinned and asked for forgiveness. Samuel said, "God is going to make someone else king."

Review the Bible Story

- Explain to the children that you will say something about the Bible story. Instruct them to stand if it is true. Say all true statements to avoid confusing the children.
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- Sample statements include: “The Israelites were afraid of the Philistines because they had more horses and chariots; King Saul made the offering to God instead of waiting for Samuel; Saul disobeyed God; Saul asked God for forgiveness; Samuel told Saul that God is going to make someone else king.”
 - Say: Saul disobeyed God and did not do what God had commanded him to do. Even though Saul asked for forgiveness, Samuel told Saul that God was going to make someone else the king. God made Saul king, but King Saul did not obey God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be king over everything. King Jesus obeyed God perfectly.

Craft/Coloring Page

9:30–9:45

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: God is **HOLY!**

Place the nature cut-outs on the tables. Hold up one of each kind and ask the children what it is. Place crayons nearby. Give each child the background page and place glue sticks on each table. Read what it says to the kids: Jesus Is King Over Everything. Invite children to use the cut-outs and crayons to decorate the page. Guide them to select items, and glue the items on their papers.

Say: King Jesus is over all people, animals, and nature. He created everything. In the Bible story, we heard that King Saul sinned and asked for forgiveness. God made Saul king, but King Saul did not obey God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be king over everything. King Jesus obeyed God perfectly.

Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

9:45–10:00

Sing the song to the familiar tune of “The Farmer in the Dell.” Point to your eyes when you sing, “my eyes.” Point up when you sing, “the Lord.”

“My eyes have seen the Lord. My eyes have seen the Lord.

My eyes, my eyes, my eyes, my eyes,

My eyes have seen the Lord.”





Sing the song below to the tune of “God Is So Good”:

“Jesus obeyed, Jesus obeyed, Jesus obeyed,
Everything God said.”

Scripture Memory Verse:

- Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 16:7b: “People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Read it out loud to the children. Distribute rhythm instruments and guide the children to say the verse with you as they play the instruments. Repeat it several times.
- Say: The Lord spoke these words to Samuel. The Lord knows what we are thinking and how we feel. He knows our heart.

Pray: Thank you God for sending Jesus to be king over everything. Thank you for knowing us and loving us so much.

Snack Time at Tables

10:00–10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. NOTE: some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.

Free Choice Play

10:15–10:40

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child’s tag number to match the parent’s tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!



Saul disobeys God.

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One day, God gave Samuel a message for King Saul. Samuel told Saul, "God will help you win your battle against the enemy. But God says that after the battle, you must get rid of everything that belongs to the enemy. You may not keep anything!"

Saul led the Israelite army into battle. They won, just as God had said they would. But Saul decided to bring home some of the best cattle and sheep. He disobeyed God's command! God told Samuel what Saul had done. Samuel went to meet Saul as he was returning from the battle. Behind Saul, there were the cows and sheep walking along, mooing and baaing! They showed that Saul had disobeyed God.

Saul made many excuses about why he had disobeyed God. But Samuel told Saul that nothing is more important than obeying God. Samuel told Saul, "Because you didn't obey God, you will not be king much longer."

As Samuel walked away, Saul grabbed his robe to stop him. A piece of the robe tore off. Samuel said, "Just like you tore a piece from my robe, God has torn the kingdom from you. God doesn't lie or change His mind!" Saul was sorry, but he couldn't change what he had done. God still loved Saul, but He was not going to let Saul be king for much longer.

Jesus is King over Everything!

