

SAUL SINNED AND WAS REJECTED



Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 13-15

Date:

Age: 2's/3's

2nd 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.....10:40-11:05**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....11:05-11:10**
- **Bible Story.....11:10-11:25**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....11:25-11:35**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....11:35-11:50**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....11:50-12:05**
- **Free Choice Play.....12:05-12:15**

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

10:40-11:05

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 all of them have the opportunity to participate

Find the Animals

- The red, free standing sensory bin will have crinkled paper inside. Hide toy animals or pictures of 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.
- Note: This activity was also used during first service.

Jump in or Out of the Square

- Use masking tape to make a large square on the floor. Invite children to stand together in the square. Tell them you will say "In the square" or "Out of the square." Explain to the children they are to follow the instructions and jump either in or out of the square as directed. Thank the children for following directions. Comment that Saul did not follow God's instructions in the Bible story for today. Note: If you have a large class, you may want to divide the children into two groups for this activity. You may also ask the kids to stand facing out with their backs to each other making it easier to jump in and out of the square.

Park the Cars

- Place the prepared parking lot on the floor or table. Lead the kids to park toy cars on the squares. Call for children to arrange the cars on the squares by color and type (truck or car). Explain that God gives us instructions to keep us safe.
- Say: You did a great job following the instructions to park the cars safely! You obeyed my instructions. King Saul did not obey the instructions God gave him. King Jesus, however, obeyed God in everything He did. Let's learn more about the story now!





Clean Up and Gather for Story

11:05–11:10

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


11:10–11:25

Introduce the story with the following activity. You may also use this activity and have the children move to the story area one child at a time based on the word on the side of the box.

Listen and Obey

- Use the prepared tissue box with the words jump, hop, march, walk crawl and spin on the sides of the box. Choose a child to gently toss the box. Read the motion that lands faceup. The child who tossed the box may perform the activity around the room doing that motion until you say, "Stop!" Repeat the activity as time allows, ensuring each child has a turn.
- **SAY** We need to listen to and obey instructions. Saul did not obey God. Unlike Saul, King Jesus obeyed God in everything He did.

Talk about the Bible Story

- Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 13–15 and explain that the story about Saul is found in the Bible. Show the Bible Story Pictures to the children and explain that Saul built a fire and made a sacrifice to God. Show the Bible Story Video which is on the USB to the children. After the video, use several or all of the points below to talk about the Bible story.
 - The Philistines came to fight against the Israelites. When the Israelites saw the Philistines, they were afraid.
 - King Saul wanted to make an offering to God. Saul waited for Samuel to come but decided to make an offering to God himself. Then Samuel came.
 - "Saul, what are you doing?" Samuel asked. "You have done the wrong thing by offering the sacrifice. 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."
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Simon Says

- Instruct the kids to stand arm's lengths apart around the room. Call out simple actions for the children to obey. Sample actions include hop, touch nose, touch toes, clap hands, and so forth. Explain how we are to listen to and obey God's instructions.
- **SAY** King Saul did not obey God's instructions. When Jesus lived on earth, He always obeyed God. God wants us to obey His instructions too.

Craft/Coloring Page

11:25-11:35

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!**

Distribute the "God Looks at our Heart!" Craft sheets to each child, as well as markers. Allow the children to color in the magnifying glass as they wish. When they are done, give them a gluestick and a paper heart, and help them to glue the heart in the magnifying glass.

God Looks at our Heart!



Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

11:35-11:50

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:

- Invite the children to look through the magnifying glass and tell what they see. Give each child the opportunity to look through the magnifying glass. Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 16:7b and read the verse: “People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Have them repeat the verse with you.
- **SAY** We can see what things look like with our eyes looking through the magnifying glass. Only God can see what is in our heart!
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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

11:50–12:05

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

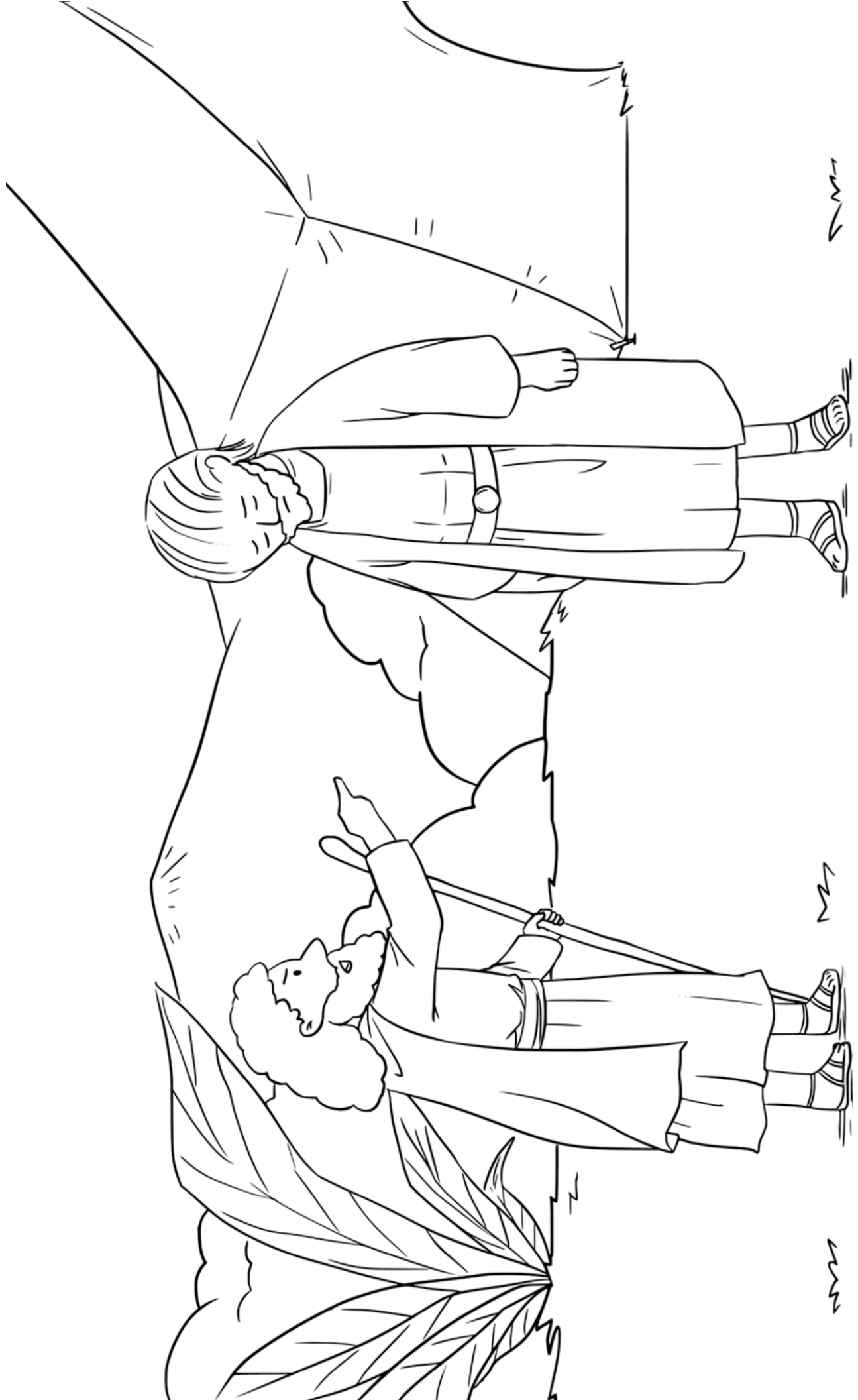
12:05–12:15

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.

1 Samuel 15

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.

God Looks at our Heart!

