



Unit 10 | Session 1

ISRAEL DEMANDED A KING

1 Samuel 8-10

When he was old, Samuel chose his sons to be judges. The leaders of Israel went to Samuel. “You were a good judge,” they said, “but your sons have not followed your example. We don’t want them to lead us; we want a king like the nations around us!”

Samuel prayed to God. God said, “Samuel, they are not rejecting you; they are rejecting Me as King. Give them what they want.”

Samuel warned that the people would regret asking for a king, but the Israelites didn’t care. Then Samuel told the leaders of Israel to go back to their cities and wait for a king.

One day, a man named Saul came to Samuel. Samuel invited Saul to have dinner with him. Samuel gave Saul the best spot at his dinner table. The next morning, Samuel poured oil on Saul’s head.

“You will be king!” Samuel said. Samuel gave Saul some instructions and sent him home to wait for the right time to start ruling over the Israelites. The Spirit of God was with Saul.

Christ Connection: God intended for a heavenly King to rule over Israel, but the Israelites did not trust God’s plan. They wanted a king like the nations around them. God had a better plan: to eventually send His Son, Jesus, to be the perfect King forever.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» For each pair, circle which food you'd rather eat:

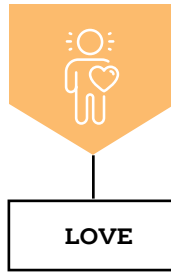
hot dog	or	banana
watermelon	or	cake
avocado	or	donut
pizza	or	fish

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Why could no earthly king compare to Jesus?

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

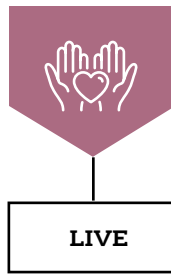
- » Why did the Israelites want their own king?

- » The Israelites had forgotten God's faithfulness. Are we guilty of not trusting God's plan? Why?

- » What is one way we can trust God with for our lives?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Isaiah 6:5 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, praising Him for His goodness, thanking Him for His perfect plan, and asking Him to help you trust His plan for your life.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ 1 Samuel 8:20-21

☐ 1 Timothy 6:15

☐ Deuteronomy 1:31-32

☐ Romans 13:1

☐ John 3:16

☐ Zechariah 14:9