



Unit 10 | Session 3

SAUL SINNED AND WAS REJECTED

1 Samuel 13-15

King Saul gathered an army and took some of the men into the hill country. Israel's enemies, the Philistines, came out to fight. The Israelites were outnumbered. They were all afraid; some of them hid. Saul wanted to ask God for help. Maybe if he made an offering to God, they would win the battle.

There was one problem: only the priests, like Samuel, were allowed to give offerings to God. Saul waited, but Samuel did not come. Saul's soldiers started to leave, so Saul decided to make an offering to God himself.

Then Samuel showed up. "You have disobeyed God," Samuel said. "You will not be king much longer. God is going to find someone obedient to be king."

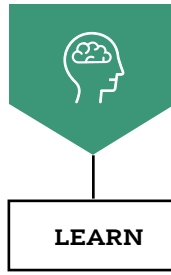
Some time later, Samuel came to Saul with a message from God. God wanted Saul to attack the Amalekites. God wanted Saul to destroy everything, but after

Saul defeated the Amalekites, he only destroyed things that weren't valuable.

Samuel confronted Saul. "I did obey Him!" Saul argued. "I only saved the best animals to sacrifice to the Lord."

Samuel asked, "Does God care more about obedience or sacrifices? You rejected His instruction, so God has rejected you as king."

Christ Connection: God gave the Israelites a king, but Saul did not obey God. God had a plan to send His Son, Jesus. King Jesus trusted and obeyed God perfectly and died so sinners could be forgiven and accepted.



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.

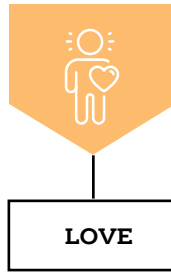
» Find and read one or more of these verses in your Bible. Then write it in your own words: Deuteronomy 28:1; John 14:15; Psalm 128:1; 1 Kings 2:3; Deuteronomy 5:33.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» What can we do when we fail to obey God?

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

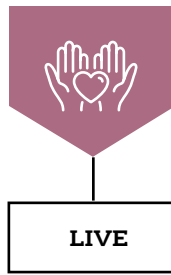
» What is one way we can trust and obey God?

» Why do you think God wants us to obey Him?

» When we become Christians, do we obey God perfectly?

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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, thanking God for sending Jesus to wash away our sins. Ask God to help you trust in Him and obey Him, knowing that His ways are always better than our own.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Proverbs 3:5-6

☐ John 14:23

☐ John 14:15

☐ Romans 5:19

☐ Ezekiel 36:26-27

☐ 1 John 5:2-3