

Lesson 6

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Kids

What gift did God give the king to help him be obedient?

God gave the king a different heart and the anointing of his Spirit.

Read aloud: 1 Samuel 10:1-9

Recommended Illustration

Gather all the ingredients for a nice omelet, along with all the tools you need to prep it. Then, take the kids outside, making sure you're far away from any possible means of cooking. Once you're outside, lead the kids through the ingredients one by one, allowing them to beat the eggs and mix any ingredients. Allow them to prep any toppings as well so that once the omelet is done, they can put it all on top.

Once the omelet is whipped and ready to go, ask your kids to cook it. Of course, since you've taken care to be far away from any cooking devices, they'll be a bit confused. In a fun way, continue to encourage them to cook it, in spite of that being impossible. Help the kids understand that just like we can't cook an omelet without a heat source, we can't obey without God's Spirit. In order to live as God has asked us we need his help, moment by moment and day by day.

Helpful Insights

God didn't just give the king a job and say do your best. Instead, God required something of the king. Obedience. And God made a promise that if the king were disobedient, it would not turn out well for him. In fact, the king would find that the most powerful being in the universe would oppose him if he would not obey. We might think that the thought of God becoming his enemy would be enough to motivate the king to be obedient. But if we have good memories, we'll quickly realize that's not exactly true. God warned Adam and Eve about the consequences of disobedience, too, didn't he?

And yet, they disobeyed.

The same holds true with Israel. Same with me. Same with you...but we can talk about that anytime.

As for the king, God didn't leave him to obey on his own. Instead he gave him an extra special help, His very own Spirit.

The Point

Scripture teaches that the king was given a different heart, one that longed to obey. God gave the special help of God's Spirit, which would guide him and help him to live according to God's ways.

