

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
2 minutes	Call to worship: Leader: Come on, everyone—let's gather together! Who are we here to worship today? Kids: We're here to worship God! Leader: God made the whole world and each one of us. How can we praise Him? Kids: With our voices, our songs, and our hearts! Leader: Jesus loves us and is with us right now. Are we ready to worship Him? Kids: Yes! We're ready to worship! Leader: Let's sing, pray, and listen with joyful hearts!	Bible
10 minutes singing	I Believe – Still working on getting the other video made. Can do the whole song. Kids are learning it well.	Video
2 minutes	New memory verse! Say it together. There is a song to help learn the memory verse. See slide from right now media	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 11–13. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Saul Rescued Israel.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

SAUL RESCUED ISRAEL

Israel had enemies from other nations. One of their enemies was the Ammonites. Nahash was a leader of the Ammonite army. He and his soldiers surrounded a town in Israel named Jabesh-gilead. Nahash threatened to hurt the people of Jabesh-gilead if they did not surrender to him.

The elders of Jabesh-gilead sent messengers throughout Israel to ask for help to defend their city.

When Saul heard the people needed help, the Spirit of God came powerfully on him, and Saul was angry. He gathered a large army and came and defeated Nahash and all his soldiers. All the people were glad Saul was king!

Then Samuel gave a final speech to all of Israel. He said, “Here is the king you have chosen. If you fear the LORD, worship and obey Him, and don’t rebel against His commandments, then both you and your king will follow the LORD. However, if you disobey the LORD, His hand will be against you just as it was against your ancestors. Worship the LORD with all your heart, and do not turn away from Him. He will not abandon His people.”

Then the Philistines gathered to fight against Israel, so Saul summoned all his troops to join him at Gilgal. He waited seven days for the scheduled time that Samuel had set, but Samuel had not arrived. Saul’s troops began to leave him because they were afraid. So, Saul said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” Then he offered the burnt offering.

As soon as Saul finished making the burnt offering, Samuel arrived and said, “What have you done?”

Saul answered, “When I saw that the troops were leaving and you had not come at the scheduled time, I forced myself to make the burnt offering.”

Samuel said, “You have been foolish. You have not kept the command the LORD gave you. Your family would have reigned over Israel forever, but now God has found another leader, a man after his own heart. He will rule over the people because you have not done what the LORD commanded.” Then Samuel left him.

Christ Connection: Saul defeated enemy armies for Israel but failed to obey God. Jesus defeated our greatest enemies—sin and death—and always obeyed God. All who trust in Jesus will be saved and receive changed hearts that desire to obey God.

STORYTELLING TIPS

Emphasize it: Use your tone of voice to emphasize Saul’s disobedience. Remind kids we all disobey God because we all sin.

Clap hands or boo: When Saul led Israel to have victory over the Ammonites, lead kids to clap their hands. When Saul disobeys God, lead kids to “boo.”



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY 🗣️ Around 95 percent of people in Thailand are Buddhist. The country has thousands of Buddhist temples, and the Buddhist beliefs are part of the nation’s culture. Most of the 23 national holidays, traditions, and everyday activities of the people are tied to Buddhism. Thai people can struggle to turn away from Buddhism to Jesus because the Buddhist beliefs are such a big part of their everyday lives. 🙏

Play the missions video. Explain that missionaries have been in Thailand for almost 200 years, yet very few of the people are Christians. Many people living in Thailand have never heard about Jesus, and they do not know anyone who is a Christian.

Share how Mark Patenaude and his wife served as missionaries in northern Thailand for 18 years. Tell kids that Mark shared how Thai people who become Christians often face shame and persecution from their families and friends for leaving the religious beliefs of their families. However, the younger generation of Thai people are more interested in learning the good news about Jesus, and a growing number of them are trusting Jesus as their Savior. In some cases, these new Christians have opportunities to tell their older family members the good news about Jesus and help them see how they can follow Jesus. Pray for the missionaries and Thai Christians as they help others know about the one true God and His Son, Jesus.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Before this activity, write out the key passage on sticky notes. Write one word per note and place them around the room. Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 103:19 together.

SAY 🗣️ God is Ruler over all. He has all power and all authority. He is the true King. Let’s continue learning our key passage that reminds us of this truth. 🙏

Challenge kids to search around the room and gather all the sticky notes. Once all the notes are found, work together as a group to read the notes and arrange them in the correct order. If you have a large group, form kids into smaller groups and assign each group a certain color sticky note to find.

Lead kids to sing “The LORD Is Over All (Psalm 103:19).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY 🗣️ Thank You, Lord, for sending Jesus, the perfect and sinless King, to conquer sin and death. Give us the desire to honor and obey You. In Jesus’ name, amen. 🙏

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**

