

**Large Group Leader:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>What to Do</b>	<b>Materials</b>
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	<p>Leader: Hey everyone! Today we're here to celebrate God with JOY! Psalm 100 tells us to shout happily to the Lord!</p> <p>Kids: Yay! We shout with joy because God is amazing!</p> <p>Leader: It says to serve the Lord with gladness and come to Him with happy hearts!</p> <p>Kids: We come with smiles and excitement because God loves us!</p> <p>Leader: Remember—God made us, and we belong to Him. We are His people, like sheep He cares for!</p> <p>Kids: God is our good shepherd, and He takes care of us!</p> <p>Leader: Let's thank Him and praise His name, because He is good!</p> <p>Kids: God is always good! His love lasts forever!</p> <p>All: Let's worship God with joy, thankful hearts, and loud praise!</p>	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	
	Other songs off of youtube if you wish (suggestion: king of me)	
	Tell the story – Page 29-30  Key point to the story: Saul was a great warrior but he didn't listen to God. He didn't kill all of the animals as commanded and tried to make up a lie. We all disobey God's command and need his grace.	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Ask questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What specific instructions did God give Saul?</li> <li>2. Did God accept Saul's excuse? What was the consequence?</li> <li>3. What did Samuel say was better than sacrifice?</li> </ol>	
	Questions from Kids video: Why do people reject God's Word when it's the good news?	
2 minutes	Pray with the kids  Dear God, We praise you for being a good and wise King who always knows what is best. Help us to trust You and follow You all the days of our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



## LEARN the Bible Story

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

Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 14–15. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Saul Disobeyed God.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

#### SAUL DISOBEYED GOD

**Saul and his son, Jonathan, led the Israelite troops to fight God’s enemies—the Philistines.** Earlier in the day, Jonathan and his servant won a great battle, and the Philistine army was scared.

Saul was eager to attack while they were scared. **Saul made his troops promise not to eat any food until the battle was over. Saul said, “The man who eats food before I punish my enemies is cursed.”** So, none of the troops ate any food.

**Saul’s son Jonathan saw some honey on the ground. He had not heard the instructions from his father Saul, so he ate some of the honey.** When Saul learned what he had done, he **wanted to punish Jonathan. But the rest of the Israelite army defended Jonathan so that Saul did not harm him.** Then Saul stopped chasing after the Philistines, and the Philistines went back to their land.

**Later, Samuel came and shared the words of the Lord with Saul. God said, “I remember what the Amalekites did to Israel many years ago. Now attack the Amalekites and completely destroy them. Do not leave any of their animals alive.”**

**Saul and his army attacked the Amalekites. They captured King Agag, and they kept the best of the sheep, cattle, and other animals alive. They were not willing to destroy them;** they only destroyed the worthless or unwanted things.

**The Lord said to Samuel, “I regret that I made Saul king because he did not obey My instructions.”** Samuel was angry.

**Early in the morning, Samuel went to confront Saul.** When Saul saw Samuel coming, he **said, “May the LORD bless you! I have done what God asked!”**

**Samuel replied, “Why then do I hear the sounds of sheep, goats, and cattle?”**

**Saul said, “The troops brought those animals from the Amalekites. We plan to sacrifice them to the LORD.”**

**“Stop!”**, exclaimed Samuel. **“Last night, the LORD told me that he called you, an unimportant young man, to become the leader of all Israel. Then he sent you on a mission and told you to completely destroy the Amalekites. So why didn’t you obey the LORD?”**

**“But I did obey the LORD!”**, Saul answered. **“I went on the mission and defeated the Amalekites. The troops took the animals to sacrifice to the LORD.”**

#### STORYTELLING TIPS

**Map It:** Point out the area of the Philistines (H2) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map.

**Use facial expressions:** Exaggerate facial expressions to emphasize certain emotions or events in the story.



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### THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

**Samuel replied, “Does the LORD take more pleasure in sacrifices of animals or in obedience? To obey is better than sacrifice. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has rejected you as king.”**

Christ Connection: Saul disobeyed God’s commands and was rejected as king. We all disobey God’s commands when we sin. Only Jesus perfectly obeyed God at all times. When we believe in Jesus, we are made right with God and accepted by Him. **33**

## 2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

**SAY 36** Saul again showed that he was a great warrior by defeating the Philistine and Amalekite armies. God was with Saul and gave him these victories. Before Saul went to fight the Amalekites, what specific instructions did God give Saul? **[Allow responses.]** God told Saul to destroy all the Amalekites and all of their animals. But Saul disobeyed God. Saul did not destroy everything like God commanded. He saved King Agog and the best animals.

Saul made the excuse that he saved the animals to sacrifice to the Lord. But did God accept this excuse? What was the consequence of Saul’s disobedience? **[Allow responses.]** **GOD REJECTED SAUL AS KING BECAUSE HE DISOBEYED GOD’S COMMANDS.** God takes sin seriously. God will not accept excuses for our sin or ignore our disobedience. God will only take away our sin when we trust in Jesus, repent of our sin, and ask for forgiveness.

What did Samuel say was better than sacrifice? **[Allow responses.]** Samuel said ‘to obey is better than sacrifice.’ Even when we don’t understand why God tells us to do something, we obey Him anyway because we trust His character. We know from the Bible that God always does what is right.

Saul disobeyed God’s commands and was rejected as king. We all disobey God’s commands when we sin. Only Jesus perfectly obeyed God at all times. When we believe in Jesus, we are made right with God and accepted by Him. **33**

## 3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

**SAY 36** The consequence of Saul’s sin was for God to reject him as king. The ultimate consequence for sin is eternal death. But God loves us and made the way for us to be forgiven and made right with Him. When we trust Jesus as Savior, we are saved from sin and death. I’d love to answer any questions you have about trusting in Jesus. **33**

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

## 4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 10, Session 3” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why do people reject God’s Word when it’s the good news?
2. Who can you share the good news of Jesus with?



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#### 5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Explain to kids that medical volunteers from the United States often go to Thailand to help people while also sharing the good news about Jesus. Tell kids that Dr. Derbyshire works as a full-time medical missionary in Thailand. Share how Dr. Karalynne Blockberger went on a short-term mission trip to Thailand to help Dr. Derbyshire and his mobile medical clinic. Play the missions video.

**SAY** ☞ One place that Dr. Derbyshire has taken medical teams is Baan Po. It was a place Dr. Derbyshire was specifically concerned about because it had no Christians and no churches. A few years ago, Dr. Derbyshire, other missionaries, Thai Christians, and doctors from the United States traveled to Baan Po again. This time, three people became Christians on the first day the mobile clinic was opened. Others said they wanted to learn more about Jesus. ☞

Pray for the work of the medical teams who host mobile clinics in Thailand. Pray that more Thai people who visit the clinics will want to know about Jesus and trust in Him.

#### 6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 103:19 together.

**SAY** ☞ God rules over everything. He is a good King who wants us to live with Him forever. Only trusting in King Jesus can save us from sin. ☞

Form kids into groups of three or four. Direct groups to make up motions to the words of the key passage. Then, invite each group to share their motions with everyone while saying the key passage aloud.

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** ☞ Dear heavenly Father, we praise You for being a good and wise King who always knows what is best. Help us trust You and follow You all the days of our lives. In Jesus’ name, amen. ☞

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



