

## Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Follow me activity: Read directions on page 27	Plates Pg. 27
Large Group	<b>Large Group Time:</b> Leader is Amanda. She will get you when ready	
Classroom:	Page 32: Group Discussion Questions	Bible Ask Questions
	Option 2: Show me p. 33  Hand out Bibles	Bibles
	Worksheet	
	Give out new memory verse card to those who don't have one (handed out last week)	Memory Verse cards  Frames - if needed



## WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

| **SAY** “ When have you chosen to ignore something you were told to do? What happened? ”

### 1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Cross It Out” activity page.

| **SAY** “ Today, we will see how God told Saul to do something, but Saul disobeyed. Because of this God rejected Saul as king. ”

### 2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

#### OPTION 1: FOLLOW ME



Distribute a paper plate to each kid. Challenge kids to follow the motions you perform while keeping the plate on their heads. Begin with a slow, easy movement, such as moving arms up and down, then progressively make it more challenging. Kids must keep the plate on their heads while following the leader. If a kid’s plate falls off her head, she is out for the rest of the round. Also, if a kid fails to follow the leader’s movements, he is also out for the rest of the round. Invite kids to be leaders for different rounds. Play as time allows.

| **SAY** “ What was the consequence if your plate fell or if you performed the wrong motion? [Allow responses.] You were out of the game for that round. In the Bible, we see how God gave commands to people. God always has a good reason for telling us to do something. Everything He does is good and right. When we disobey His commands, we sin. Sin has consequences. Today, we will learn that **GOD REJECTED SAUL AS KING BECAUSE HE DISOBEYED GOD’S COMMANDS.** ”

#### OPTION 2: ALL OR NOTHING

Form kids into teams of four. Provide each team with a ball and 10 cups. Lead groups to spread out and set up their cups like bowling pins. Then challenge kids on each team to take turns rolling the ball into the cups. Restack the cups after each turn. Tell kids that they only get a point if they knock down all of the cups. Tell groups to keep track of how many points, if any, they get. The group with the most points wins.

| **SAY** “ This bowling game was a game of all or nothing. You only received points if you knocked down all of the cups. Today, we will see how God gave Saul instructions and told Saul to obey all of His instructions. However, we’ll learn how Saul didn’t obey God. God doesn’t just want some obedience; He wants all of our obedience. ”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

### LIVE the Mission

#### 1 ACTIVITY CHOICE (10 minutes)

##### OPTION 1: ANIMAL ROUND UP

Choose one kid to be the “shepherd.” Place sticky notes on the backs of kids, labeling half as “sheep” and the other half as “goats.” Direct the “goats” and “sheep” to roam about the room. Then tell the shepherd to find all of the “sheep” and bring them to you. Once a “sheep” is brought to you, the kid must sit down. When all the sheep have been found, invite a new kid to be the “shepherd.” Play as time allows, allowing kids to switch from being sheep to goats and vice versa.

**SAY** ☞ When Jesus was on earth, He taught that He is the good Shepherd (John 10:14). He told a story about how the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. King Saul didn't listen to the voice of the Lord. He disobeyed God and followed his own way.

**GOD REJECTED SAUL AS KING BECAUSE HE DISOBEYED GOD'S COMMANDS.** Followers of Jesus know His words and obey them. They trust that Jesus will lead them to what is best—that He will give them a full life. ☞

##### OPTION 2: SHOW ME...



Form kids into groups of three or four and provide each group with a Bible. Challenge groups to find a book of the Bible that starts with a letter you call out. Say, “show me a book of the Bible that starts with J.” Kids will then work together in their group to find a Bible book that starts with J (Joshua, Judges, Jeremiah, etc.). When they find the book, they can raise their hand to show you. Repeat, as time allows, calling out a new letter each time.

**SAY** ☞ One way we can grow in obedience to God is by knowing His Word. We can't obey who we don't know. When we read the Bible, we learn more about the character of God and His desires for our lives. We see how God's perfect character helps us trust Him so that we more willingly obey Him. Even when we struggle to obey or don't understand all of God's commands, we put our faith in His perfect character, remembering how much He loves us and how He proved His love through His Son, Jesus. ☞



#### 2 REFLECTION AND PRAYER (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does the story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids. If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. Pray for your group.



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 10 • Session 3

## SAUL DISOBEYED GOD

1 Samuel 14–15

### WHO IS OUR KING?

#### JESUS IS OUR KING FOREVER, AND HE RULES OVER THE WORLD.

Saul and his son, Jonathan, led the Israelite troops to fight God's enemies—the Philistines. 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." 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. Saul wanted to punish Jonathan. But the rest of the Israelite army defended Jonathan so that Saul did not harm him.

Later, Samuel shared the words of the Lord with Saul. God said, "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. The Lord said to Samuel, "I regret that I made Saul king because he did not obey my instructions."

Samuel went to confront Saul. Saul said, "I have done what God asked!" Samuel replied, "Why then do I hear the sounds of sheep, goats, and cattle?" "Stop!", exclaimed Samuel. "So why didn't you obey the LORD?"

"But I did obey the LORD!", Saul answered. "The troops took the animals to sacrifice to the LORD."

Samuel replied, "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.



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