

THE STORY

Three Dares the Israelites fell for...

The Dare of Phoniness

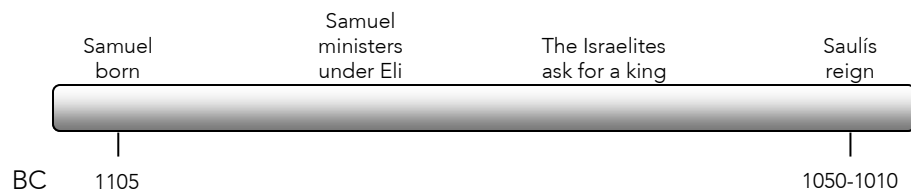
1 Samuel 3-4

The Dare of Conformity

1 Samuel 8

The Dare of Misrepresentation

1 Samuel 9-13



Questions for the Week

Big Idea: Keeping up with the Joneses is never a good idea, but it is particularly dangerous when the Joneses are a bad example.

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 2:8-9

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.

“For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’s; on them he has set the world.

⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

Describe yourself as a middle schooler. What fashions were you into? What music did you listen to?

What do you learn about prayer from Hannah? (1 Samuel 1)

What did Eli teach Samuel about listening to God? (1 Samuel 3:1-10)

How did Samuel show faith in God?

According to 1 Samuel 8, how does Samuel feel about the leaders of Israel’s request to give them a king so they can be like the other nations? How does God feel about it?

Why was it wrong for the Israelites to ask for a king?

What factors led to Saul’s demise?

How did Saul respond when confronted with his sin? (1 Samuel 15)

How do you respond when confronted with your own shortcomings?

What instances of God’s grace do you see this week’s teaching?

Week 10
Standing Tall, Falling Hard
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