

Free Bible lesson for under 5s

King Saul



Introduction

In this week's lesson, we learn about Saul, the first king of Israel. His story is found in the book of 1 Samuel 8-10. Some of the key points we will examine are—

- God doesn't want us to be like everyone else
- God wants to be our King
- We should listen to God's warnings
- Sometime people will mistreat us because we follow God.

Video playlist



Lesson Guide

Talk to your child about kings and queens. You could ask them if they know of any kings or queen. Maybe you have one in your country, or they know some from cartoons or books. Talk about what they think a king or queen does. Allow them to pretend to be a king or queen for a short time.

Make a list with your child of some of the things a king does. For example, rules over his people, protects them, etc. Explain how God wants to be our King. Remind your child that God is love, good, all-powerful, might ... and that He will always do what is best for us.

Play a game of this or that with your child. It goes something like this; If you wanted to eat something, would you eat an apple or a cabbage? If there was a fire, would you call a fireman or farmer? Ask a few different kinds of questions and end with, "Who is best to have has a king, a man or God?"

Talk about how the people choose to have a human king instead of God. Give an example of some things that we might choose over God. For example, telling a lie instead of the truth like God wants. Wanting to do something that is not good because other people are doing it.

Remind your child that God has made them special, and He doesn't want them to be like everyone else. Talk about some of the gifts and abilities that God has given you and your children. Think about how these make them unique and how they can use these to serve God.

Remind the children that Samuel warned the people that it was a bad idea to have a human king, but they did not listen. Explain that at first, they were happy, but later they wished they had listened. Encourage your child to listen to people who warn them from doing bad things. Explain that when you warn them, it is to protect them. Remind them that God's rules are there to protect us from harm. You could review the Ten Commandments.

Ask your child how Samuel must have felt when the people asked for a new leader? Share how he thought the people were rejecting him, but God said they were rejecting Him. Talk about how sometimes people can be nasty to us because we follow God (John 15:18-20). Comfort your child by reminding them that God is always with them, even when others treat us badly.

Pray together and ask God to be your King.