



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 38

Samuel and Saul

Lesson Aim: To know God has a plan
for our lives.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best thing you have ever been chosen to do?

GAME: Choose the King

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO KNOWS OUR HEARTS

Read Worship Scripture: Jeremiah 24:7.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD CHOSE SAUL TO BE KING

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God chose Samuel as judge and prophet over Israel.

Today, we will learn God chose Saul to be the first king of Israel. Samuel anointed Saul. To anoint someone is to put oil on a person as a sign that God has chosen him or her to do a special job for God. Saul was king for 42 years. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 9:15-16; 10:1, 6-7, 9, 20-24. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: 1 Samuel 10:6-7. Pray.

The people of Israel asked for a king to lead them. God told Samuel to warn them that having a king would make their lives difficult, but they would not listen. They wanted to have a king to be like other nations. The Lord agreed to give them a king. He chose a man named Saul to be the next king. Saul did not know this. Saul and his servant were searching for his father's lost donkeys. He went to ask if Samuel knew where the donkeys were. Check out what the Lord told Samuel about Saul. Read 1 Samuel 9:15-16.

Samuel told Saul the donkeys had been found. Let's see what Samuel said and did as Saul and his servant were leaving. Read 1 Samuel 10:1, 6-7, 9.

Saul was surprised the Lord had chosen him to be king. After anointing Saul, Samuel presented Saul to the people of Israel as their first king. Read 1 Samuel 10:20-24.

THE WAY GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU

How did the Lord cause Samuel and Saul to first meet? (Saul was searching for his father's donkeys.) **What did the Lord tell Samuel the day before?** (To anoint Saul as the leader because He heard His people's cry for a king.) **How does this show you God had a plan for Saul?** God is already working out His plan for your life. Just as God chose Saul, God has chosen you. Saul was surprised God had chosen Him. What job might God choose for you that would surprise you?

What did Saul do when Samuel was about to announce Saul would be the first king of Israel? (He hid in the supplies.) **Why do you think Saul hid?** **What did the people say when Samuel announced Saul would be king?** ("Long live the king!")

ANOINTMENT CEREMONY

For each child being anointed, place one small drop of oil on your index finger. Touch the child's forehead and say this blessing: **"May the Lord bless you in the special job He will give to you."**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Reveal Ephesians 2:10. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **When does God prepare the good works He wants us to do?** (In advance.) **What good work do you think God may be preparing in advance for you to do?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Certificate of Anointment
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #38
- OFFERING OF ART: Samuel anointing Saul as king
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Crown the Snack

GAME: Thumbs Up!

CRAFT: God's Workmanship

DISCUSSION: A Change of Heart

CERTIFICATE OF ANOINTMENT

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Shepherd Psalm Shuffle, Psalm 23 Balloon Toss, Discussion: Psalm 23

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW