



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 38

Samuel and Saul

Lesson Aim: To know God has chosen us
to do special jobs for Him.

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 CHOSEN YOU

What was Saul looking for when he went to see Samuel? (His father's donkeys.) **What does it mean to anoint someone?** (To put oil on a person as a sign God has chosen him or her to do a special job for Him.) **For what special job did Samuel anoint Saul?** (To serve as king of Israel.) **Just as God chose Saul, God has chosen you. What special job would you like to do for the Lord?**

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:

We may not yet know what God has chosen for each of us to do, but we do know it will be good. We know God will help us be ready. We know God has already planned everything for us. The Bible promises that to us. Let's check it out. Reveal Ephesians 2:10. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Certificate of Anointment
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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