

Ages 1-2
7.13.25

God Chose a King

VERSE

*"Do what God says."
-Deuteronomy 5:32*

Make a CROWN

Use scissors to cut out the center part of a thin paper plate so that it fits on your child's head like a crown (slant the circle and cut points on the crown if desired).

Encourage your child to scribble on the plate with the crayons.

Name each color that is used. Talk about the Bible story. State that God chose Saul to be the king of Israel.

BABIES

MAKE a CARD

Help your baby make a card for someone he knows. Fold a paper in half. Write a simple message inside the card. Pour tempera paint into shallow disposable pan. Help lay your child's hands, palms down, on the paint, then press them onto the front of the card. Tell the Bible story (reverse side) as you make the card. Say: "God helps people." Explain that God can help us know how to help others.

Play HIDE and SEEK

Let your child hide while you cover your eyes and count aloud to 10. Clearly announce: "Ready or not, here I come!" Explain the areas you are seeking: "I am looking in the closet. Where could (your child's name) be?" Find your child. Show the Bible story picture (reverse side) as you talk about Saul hiding from the people. Say that God always knew where Saul was. Remark that God always knows where we are, too.

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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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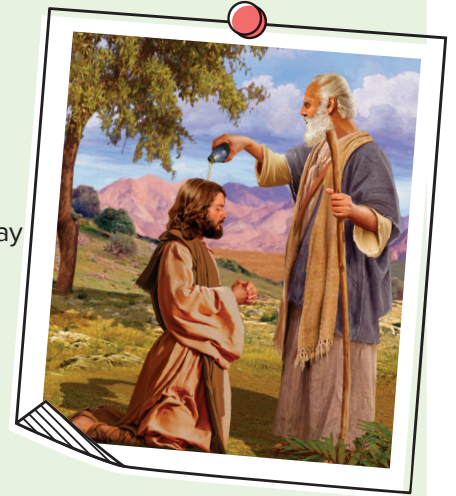
CONVERSATION

God Chose a King

**BASED ON 1 SAMUEL 8:4-9;
9:15-17,27; 10:1,17-25**

WEEKLY VERSE: I will teach you the way to go. *Psalms 32:8*

LIFE POINT: God helps people know what to do.



BABIES

God sent Samuel to name the new king.
God chose Saul to be the new king.
When the people looked for Saul, he could not be found.
The people found Saul and shouted that he was king.

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God sent Samuel to name the new king God had chosen.
God chose Saul to be the new king.
Saul hid. God told the people where to find him.
The people brought out Saul. Saul became king.

2s

The Israelites wanted a new king.
God sent Samuel to name the new king God had chosen.
God chose Saul to be the new king of Israel.
Saul hid, but God told the people where he was.
The people shouted for the king. Saul became king.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story teaches that God helps people know what to do. God guided Samuel in selecting a king for Israel. God helped Samuel know just what to say to the people.

LIVE IT OUT

Fold two sheets of paper together to make a book. Write *God Helps Me* on the front. Guide your child to fill the book with drawings of the Bible, herself praying, and things that happen at church. Explain that these are ways God helps her know what to do.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God helps me.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Romans 13:1

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— PSALM 32:8

SEARCH the CROWD

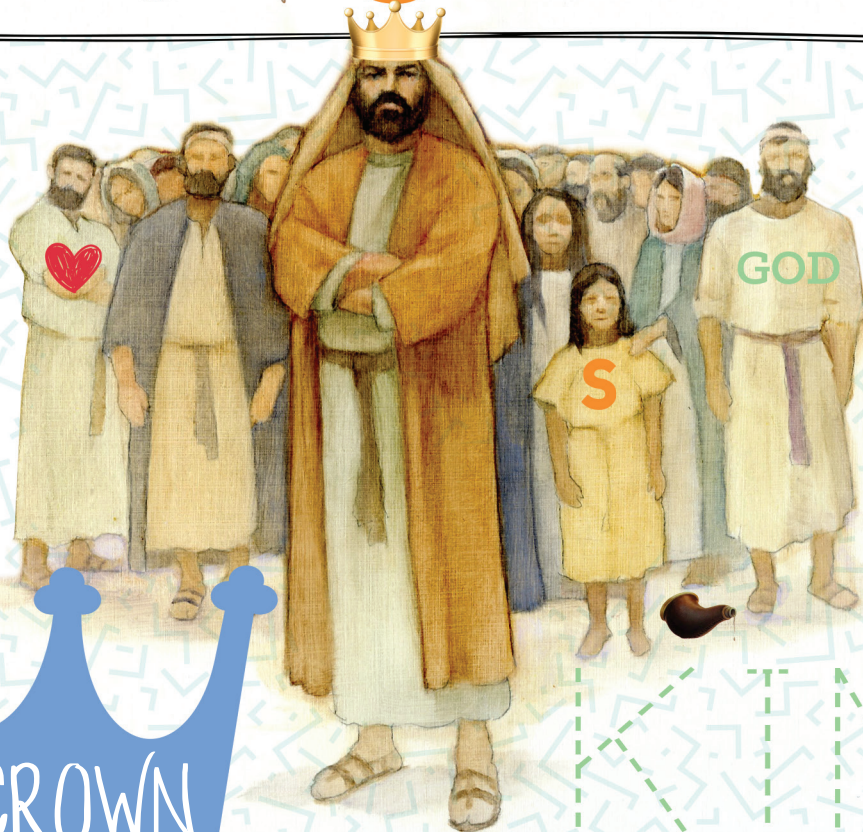
God told Samuel that Saul would be the new king.

CIRCLE these things when you find them in the crowd:



S

GOD



KING

Draw and decorate a **CROWN**.
TRACE the word **KING**.



I will teach you the way to go. Psalm 32:8

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Samuel was getting old. He had been a judge in Israel for many years. Some of the men in Israel went to talk with Samuel.

The men told him that they wanted a king to lead them. The other countries in that area had kings, and the people of Israel wanted a king, too.

Samuel was not sure what to do, so he prayed to God. God said, "Give the people a king, but warn them about what having a king would be like."

God said He would send a man that Samuel should name as the king. The next day Samuel saw Saul. God told Samuel, "This is the man I told you about. I have chosen Saul to be the king." Samuel poured oil on Saul's head and told him, "God has chosen you to be the king of Israel."

Sometime later, Samuel gathered the Israelites and introduced Saul, their new king. But Saul was hiding. The people brought Saul out, and the Israelites shouted, "Long live the king!"



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AUTHORITY ADDITION

Unscramble the words below from Romans 13:1, then move those words to the correct line according to the color. Uncover the reason we should pray for our leaders!

Let everyone submit to the **governments**, since there is no **authority** except from God, and the **governments** that exist are **instituted** by God.

+ God's _____ =

_____ by God.

VERSE

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions ... have been placed there by God.
-Romans 13:1

My PRAYER LIST

It is the church's responsibility to pray for leaders in their communities and all over the world. Who can you pray for this week? Fill in the names of several leaders that need your prayers.

Leaders that need prayer

Example: *the President, my teacher*

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CONVERSATION

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**1 SAMUEL 8:1-10,19-22;
9-10; 11:12-15**

God's prophet Samuel grew older and appointed his sons as judges over Israel. The people did not want these men to rule over them because they were not like Samuel. They did not follow and obey God. The people instead asked for a king. The Israelites wanted to be like all the other nations that were ruled by kings.

Immediately, Samuel prayed to God, and God told him: "I will choose a king for Israel, but you must warn the people about kings."

Samuel obeyed God and told the people everything God said. Even though Samuel warned the people, they refused to listen and still demanded a king.

Sometime later, Saul, who was a tall and impressive looking young man, went to find some of his father's missing donkeys. Saul and a servant searched through many cities but could not find the donkeys. The servant suggested they ask God's prophet for help.

The day before, God told Samuel that a man was coming and to anoint him as Israel's king. When Samuel saw Saul, God told Samuel, "Here is the man I told you about. He will rule my people." Samuel explained to Saul that the donkeys were safe and that God had brought Saul to him so that he could reveal God's plans.

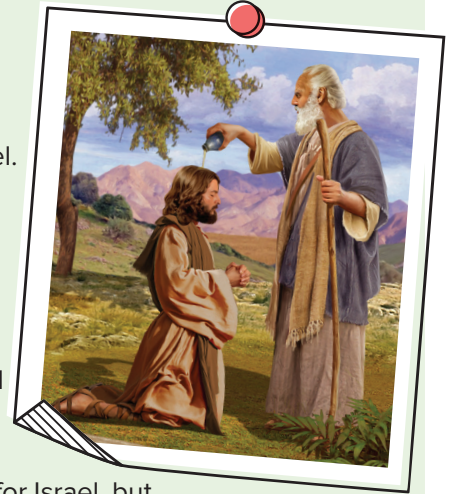
Samuel anointed Saul's head with oil and explained all the things that were about to happen to Saul. Samuel explained that the Spirit of God would help Saul as he became the king.

Then Samuel called all the people together to show them who would be their new king. Before Samuel announced Saul as the new king, Saul was gone! He was hiding near the supplies. As soon as the people found Saul and pulled him out of his hiding place, they were impressed by his physical appearance.

Soon, Saul was confirmed as the king of Israel. God chose Saul and gave the people of Israel what they desired.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Romans 13:1

LIFE POINT: God gives authority to those who are leaders.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

From this Bible story your child heard how God gives authority to those who are leaders. God chose Saul to be the king of Israel even though God did not want the people to have a king. God gave kingly authority to Saul.

LIVE IT OUT

After you and your child review the Bible story, help him make a list of leaders, such as the president, governor, senators, mayor, and so on. Remind your child that God has given these people authority, and God wants us to respect them. Pray for your leaders.

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6 2 Chronicles 20:6	7 Ephesians 1:20	8 Matthew 16:19	9 2 Samuel 22:33	10 Jeremiah 10:12	11 Hebrews 1:3	12 Revelation 11:17
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BIBLE READING PLAN

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