



K - 2ND

10.1
The Israelites
Wanted a King



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

What is something you have begged for? Maybe a new toy or time with friends.



PASS THE CROWN

Start by 9:20/10:45

Direct kids to sit down in a circle. Give one kid in the circle a paper crown. Challenge kids to pass the crown around the circle as soon as the music begins. When the music stops, the kid holding the crown should place it on his head, stand up, and give a direction to the other kids. For example, he may say, "hop on one foot." Continue until all the kids have had at least one chance to wear the crown.

Kings have the authority to tell people what to do. Some kings may use their power for good, while others may use their power for bad. In our story, we'll see that Israel wanted to have a king like other nations. Israel rejected God as King and chose Saul to be their king. When the people chose Saul to be king, we'll learn how the prophet Samuel warned the people about all the power an earthly king can have.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

The book of 1 Samuel is in the Old Testament and tells us about the time when Israel stopped being led by judges and began being led by kings. Read aloud 1 Samuel 10:19 having kids follow along as you read the verse aloud. Then discuss the following questions:

- What did God do for His people even though they were asking for a king?
- Why do you think the people still wanted a human king instead of trusting God as their King?
- How does God show He still cares for His people even when they make wrong choices?
- What does this story teach us about trusting God to lead us?

God reminded His people He was the one who had always saved them and taken care of them, even when they asked for a human king. Even though they chose an earthly king, God was still in control, and He sent Jesus Christ, the King of kings, to forgive our sins and help us follow God.



DISCUSSION

Have kids discuss these questions with a partner sitting close to them first to encourage participation. Then discuss as a whole group.

How do we try to be rulers over our lives? Why is this dangerous? When we choose to turn away from God and do what we think is best, we are acting like our own rulers. Any disobedience to God is sin, whether we don't listen to His command to obey our parents or we tell a lie. Following our own way is dangerous because it leads us away from God.

Why is God the perfect king? Samuel warned the people that a human king might use his power in selfish ways. But God is the perfect King who always does what is right and rules with love, justice, and mercy. God uses His power to save us from sin and give us eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

How can Jesus become our King? Jesus can be King of our lives when we trust in Him as our Savior. The Bible tells us everyone has sinned and needs to be saved from their sins. God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise again, taking the punishment our sin deserved. When we tell God we have sinned and turn from that sin, God forgives us. Then God helps our hearts want to follow Jesus and obey Him.



FATHER'S DAY CARD

Allow kids to choose a card to create for dad! Follow instructions based on which card they are creating. Samples are available.

While kids create, use the time to discuss the Bible story from today using the questions above.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.