



K - 2ND



CONNECT TIME

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

Do you ever find it hard to do the right thing? Why?



FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

Start by 9:20/10:45

Provide kids with paper and markers. Tell kids that you will direct them to draw four things in order. Explain that they must listen carefully because you will only repeat the list of four things twice. Direct kids to draw a fish, a tree, a smiley face, and a triangle. Allow kids time to draw. Then invite kids to share their drawings, seeing who could follow the directions.

Was it hard to remember the order and what you were supposed to draw? Following directions can be challenging. In fact, no one perfectly follows God's commands. We all sin. Today, we will learn how Saul was a great warrior but chose to disobey God. He didn't follow God's directions for making a burnt offering.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and invite kids to practice finding Old Testament and New Testament books, such as Ezra, Isaiah, John, and Ephesians. Guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Samuel 12.

- What does this story teach us about God helping His people?
- Why do you think Saul did not wait for Samuel?
- What does this story teach us about obeying God?
- Who is the kind of King we need, based on the story?

Samuel reminded the people that they had chosen a human king instead of trusting God as their King. The people realized they had sinned, but Samuel told them not to be afraid and to keep following God. He reminded them of all the great things God had done for them. God has done great things for us too by sending Jesus to save us and help us obey Him.



DISCUSSION

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

What are some ways people disobey God?

Everyone sins and disobeys God. People may tell lies, say unkind words, hurt others, act selfishly, or choose not to obey. Even when we try to do the right thing, we still make wrong choices. God knows all about our sin, but He loves us and made a way for us to be forgiven through Jesus.

Why does God want us to obey Him?

God wants us to obey Him because He is our Creator and King. He made us, loves us, and always knows what is best for us. God's ways are always good. When we obey God, we show that we trust Him and believe that His way is better than our own.

How can we worship God with all of our hearts?

We can worship God with all of our hearts by loving Him, trusting Him, and putting Him first in our lives. God does not want just part of our hearts—He wants all of our hearts because He alone is worthy of our worship. Through Jesus, God helps us love Him, follow Him, and obey Him each day.



GIVE ME YOUR HEART

If there are enough kids for two teams, divide group into two teams and give each team a ziploc. Challenge kids to arrange the pieces back into the shape of a heart. The first team to make a heart wins.

Today, we learned how Samuel told the people to worship God with all of their hearts. Saul was a great warrior but chose to disobey God. Saul didn't worship God with all of his heart. Instead of putting God first and obeying God, Saul made the burnt offering. He did what he wanted to do rather than what God wanted him to do. When we disobey God, we can ask for forgiveness. We can also ask God to help us love Him above everything else and obey Him.



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.