



Children's Cell NEWSLETTER

May 4, 2025

Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of **“The Israelites Wanted a King”** (1 Samuel 7-10).

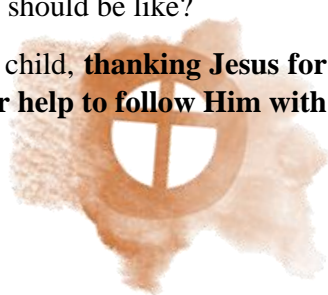
As Samuel grew older, the people of Israel asked for a king to rule over them like the other nations. Though God had been their perfect King, they rejected Him. God told Samuel to warn the people about the hardships a human king would bring, but they insisted. God chose Saul, a tall and impressive young man, to be their first king. This story reminds us that when we reject God's rule, we choose our way over His. But Jesus, our perfect King, came to save us and bring us back to God.

This message will inspire your child to grow in the love and light of Jesus. Reinforce the lesson at home by discussing the following points with your child:

- ☐ **God Is Our True King:** The Israelites wanted a human king instead of trusting God. How can we let God lead our lives every day?
- ☐ **Our Choices Have Consequences:** God warned the people, but they still chose a king. Why is it important to listen to God's voice?
- ☐ **Jesus Is the Perfect King:** Unlike Saul, Jesus never fails. How does Jesus show us what a true King should be like?

You might consider praying with your child, **thanking Jesus for being the perfect King and asking for help to follow Him with trust and love.**

Grace and blessings in Christ.





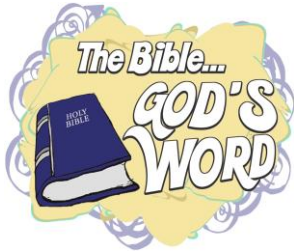
The Israelites Wanted a King

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 7-10

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 103:19

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *Who is our King?*

Jesus is our King forever, and He rules over the world.



When Samuel grew old, he made his sons judges over Israel. Sadly, Samuel's sons did not follow his example. They were bad leaders of God's people.

The elders of Israel went to Samuel and said, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Give us a king to be our ruler, just as all the other nations

have."

Samuel prayed to the Lord. God said, "They have not rejected you; they have rejected me as their king. Listen to them, but also warn them about the power a king has over the people he rules.

Samuel went to the people and said, "Here are the things a king will do. He will take your sons to join his army. He will take your daughters to serve in his house. He will take your best fields and give them to his servants. He will take a tenth of your crops and your flocks. You will cry out for help, but the Lord will not answer you."

The people refused to listen to Samuel. "No! We must have a king over us," they said.

God told Samuel, "Listen to the people, and appoint a king for them."

Now, there was an impressive young man named Saul who was a





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head taller than everyone else in Israel. One day, his father's donkeys wandered off, and Saul was sent to find them. After looking for several days, Saul's servant recommended they ask Samuel for help.

Before Saul met Samuel, God told Samuel that He would send him a man to rule over His people. God said this man would save His people from the Philistines. When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said, "This is the man who will be king over my people Israel." Samuel took a flask of oil and anointed Saul as the future king. Saul then returned home and said nothing to his family about it.

Later, Samuel called all the people together. One by one, the tribes, clans, and families of Israel came before Samuel, and Saul was selected as king. They searched for him everywhere and could not find him. Then the Lord said, "There he is, hidden with the supplies."

When the people saw how tall and impressive Saul was, they shouted, "Long live the king!" Samuel appointed Saul as king, and then he sent all the people home.

The Israelites rejected God as King and chose Saul to be their king. When we sin, we also reject God's rule in our lives as King. Jesus, the King of kings, died for our sin and rose again so we could be forgiven.

Key Passage

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**The LORD has established His throne
in the heavens, and His kingdom
rules over all.**

« Psalm 103:19 »



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REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service starts at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



"Saul Rescued Israel" (1 Samuel 11-13)



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