



Children's Cell NEWSLETTER

May 11, 2025

Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of **“Saul Rescued Israel”** (1 Samuel 11-13).

When the Ammonites threatened the town of Jabesh-gilead, Saul led Israel to victory after the Spirit of God came upon him. The people celebrated Saul as their king. Samuel reminded Israel to worship and obey the Lord with all their hearts. Later, Saul disobeyed God by offering a sacrifice without waiting for Samuel. Because of this, God said Saul's kingdom would not last. This story reminds us that while Saul failed, Jesus obeyed God perfectly and saves us from sin and death.

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 Gives Strength to Help Others:** The Spirit of God gave Saul power to rescue Israel. How does God help us to be brave and help others?
- ☐ **Obeying God Matters:** Saul disobeyed by offering the sacrifice himself. Why is it important to obey God, even when it's hard?
- ☐ **Jesus Obeyed Perfectly:** Saul failed, but Jesus never sinned. How does Jesus help us love and follow God with our whole hearts?

You might consider praying with your child, **thanking God for Jesus' perfect obedience and asking Him to help you trust and follow Him each day.**

Grace and blessings in Christ.





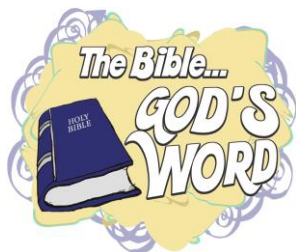
Saul Rescued Israel

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 11-13

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 103:19

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *Who is our King?*

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



Israel had enemies from other nations. One of their enemies was the Ammonites. Nahash was a leader of the Ammonite army. He and his soldiers surrounded a town in Israel named Jabesh-gilead. Nahash threatened to hurt the people of Jabesh-gilead if they did not surrender to him.

The elders of Jabesh-gilead sent messengers throughout Israel to ask for help to defend their city.

When Saul heard the people needed help, the Spirit of God came powerfully on him, and Saul was angry. He gathered a large army and came and defeated Nahash and all his soldiers. All the people were glad Saul was king!

Then Samuel gave a final speech to all of Israel. He said, “Here is the king you have chosen. If you fear the Lord, worship and obey Him, and don’t rebel against His commandments, then both you and your king will follow the Lord. However, if you disobey the Lord, His hand will be against you just as it was against your ancestors.

Worship the Lord with all your heart, and do not turn away from Him. He will not abandon His people.”





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Then the Philistines gathered to fight against Israel, so Saul summoned all his troops to join him at Gilgal. He waited seven days for the scheduled time that Samuel had set, but Samuel had not arrived. Saul's troops began to leave him because they were afraid. So Saul said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." Then he offered the burnt offering.

As soon as Saul finished making the burnt offering, Samuel arrived and said, "What have you done?"

Saul answered, "When I saw that the troops were leaving and you had not come at the scheduled time, I forced myself to make the burnt offering."

Samuel said, "You have been foolish. You have not kept the command the Lord gave you. Your family would have reigned over Israel forever, but now God has found another leader, a man after his own heart. He will rule over the people because you have not done what the Lord commanded." Then Samuel left him.

Saul defeated enemy armies for Israel but failed to obey God. Jesus defeated our greatest enemies—sin and death—and always obeyed God. All who trust in Jesus will be saved and receive changed hearts that desire to obey God.

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.
- ✓ **Next Lord's Day, we will gather for our church spring outdoor service & picnic at Leesylvania State Park.**
- ✓ 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 Disobeyed God" (1 Samuel 14-15)



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