

K-5th Grade
Israel's First King
Discussion Questions

Session Title: Israel's First King

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 8–15

Story Point: God's people wanted a king like the nations around them.

Key Passage: Jeremiah 10:6

Big Picture Question: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

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Where was Saul when it was time to introduce him as king? (*hiding among supplies, 1 Sam. 10:22*)

Why did Saul offer a sacrifice before battle? (*Saul's troops were afraid, and Samuel arrived later than Saul expected him to; 1 Sam. 13:7-9*)

What did Samuel say about sacrifices and obedience? (*Obedience is better than sacrifices, 1 Sam. 15:22*)

Why do you think God allowed Saul to be king if He knew Saul would disobey? *Guide kids to talk about God's power to use difficult circumstances for His glory and our good. Discuss what God might have been teaching the people of Israel through Saul's kingship. Point them to Jesus' crucifixion, where we see God use the evil actions of people to bring about good.*

What are some ways people reject Jesus as King today? *Guide kids to honestly discuss ways people might trust in or be led by things other than Jesus. Remind kids that the Holy Spirit helps us love and obey Jesus.*

What are some ways Jesus proves He is the perfect King? *Guide kids to think about what Jesus did for us. Remind them that He chose to die even though we were sinners and enemies of God. (Romans 5:6-10) Discuss Jesus' place of honor and glory with God the Father, and point kids to the hope we have for the future, when Jesus will return to reign over everything.*

Say • **God's people wanted a king like the nations around them.** God chose Saul to be king, but Saul was not a good king. Jesus is the perfect King. He loves us. He defeated sin and death for us.

Journal and prayer

Give a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself? Whom can I tell about this story?