

Bible Lessons for Children
Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Beginner Lesson One Hundred Thirteen: Israel Demands a King

Overview	<p><u>Bible Facts & Songs:</u> Songs about the Bible and the Judges <u>Bible Reading & Discussion:</u> I Samuel 8:1-22 <u>Bible Memory & Craft:</u> Questions about the Holy Spirit <u>Learning Objectives:</u> (1) Samuel's sons were not righteous judges. (2) Israel demanded a king. (3) The Lord said that Israel was rejecting Him from being king over them. (4) The Lord told Samuel to warn the people about the ways of a king. (5) Israel continued to demand a king and the Lord said to obey their voice and give them a king. (6) God gives the Holy Spirit to believers in Christ.</p>
Opening	<p>Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal. Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you. Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.</p>
Bible Songs 5-10 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Song visuals &/or props as needed <u>Strategies:</u> Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate <u>Instructions:</u> Ask students to help lead songs about the Bible & the Judges. Encourage students to think about what they are singing. Include actions and visuals as appropriate.</p>
Bible Reading 15 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Bibles for students to use <u>Strategies:</u> Leader Read Aloud & Picturing <u>Scripture:</u> I Samuel 8:1-22 <u>Instructions:</u> Have students sit at tables. Tell students to close their eyes as they listen and try to picture what they hear. Read passage expressively using different voices for the different characters. Stop occasionally to allow students an opportunity to describe what they pictured.</p>
Bible Discussion 10 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Word poster #3 "Work of the Holy Spirit" <u>Strategy:</u> Hot Potato <u>Instructions:</u> Have students sit in a fellowship circle. A bean bag is passed around the circle while music is played. When the music stops, the person holding the object answers the question. <u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ When Samuel became old, who became judges over Israel? (Samuel's sons)➤ Did Samuel's sons judge as Samuel had judged? (No, they took bribes)➤ What did the elders of Israel request of Samuel? (A king)➤ The Lord said, "Obey the voice of the people...for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them...from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other <u>blank.</u>" (gods)➤ The Lord told Samuel to warn the people about the ways of the king. List some of the things that Samuel said would happen to their sons. (They would be taken to be his horsemen, to farm...)➤ List some of the things that Samuel said would happen to their daughters. (They would be taken to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.)➤ What else would the king take? (Best of their fields, vineyards, and orchards; their servants...)➤ The people continued to demand a king. They said, "...our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." Since the Israelites left Egypt, Who had led them, judged them, and fought their battles? (The Lord)➤ The Lord told Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a <u>blank.</u>" (King)

Transitional Thought: Although the Lord God had led, judged, and fought for Israel since they left Egypt over 400 years before, the Israelites rejected God as their king and demanded a human king to lead, judge, and fight for them. God told Samuel to give them the king. When a person believes in Jesus Christ and accepts His blood sacrifice for their sin, God gives the believer Someone better than a king. God gives the Holy Spirit.

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Show students word poster #3 and have them act out the words – Work of the Holy Spirit: Prayer Interpreter (place hands at heart and then extend toward heaven); Convictor of Sin (turn two thumbs down and then point emphatically); Spiritual Life Giver (place hand over heart with fingers in the shape of an “L”); Seal of Salvation (clap fist of one hand to palm of other hand as though “stamping” with an ink stamp.); Fruit Producer (act as though arms are tree branches); Helper (with open left hand “help” raise/lift right fist)

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, for the work of Jesus Christ, and for the work of the Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory
10-15 minutes

Strategy: Bean Bag Stand-up/Sit-down Review
Materials: Bean Bag
Instructions: Have students stand in a circle. Ask a question then toss the bean bag to someone to share the answer &/or verse. If the answer is correct, student sits.

Question: What work does the Holy Spirit do in prayer?
Answer: The Holy Spirit intercedes, interpreting the believers' prayer.
Verse: "...For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Romans 8:26

Question: What work does the Holy Spirit do concerning sin?
Answer: The Holy Spirit convicts people of their sin.
Verse: "And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin...because they do not believe in me." John 16:8-9

Question: What work does the Holy Spirit do in salvation?
Answer: The Holy Spirit gives life to believers in Jesus Christ.
Verse: "It is the Spirit who gives life..." John 6:63a

Question: What is a work that the Holy Spirit does for believers?
Answer: The Holy Spirit seals believers until Christ's return.
Verse: "...when you heard...the gospel of our salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit..." Ephesians 1:13-14

Question: What does the Holy Spirit produce in the life of a believer?
Answer: The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit.
Verse: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." Galatians 5:22-23a

Question: Does the Holy Spirit, the seal of salvation, ever leave a believer?
Answer: No, the Holy Spirit dwells with believers forever.
Verse: "...he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth...." John 14:16-17

Bible Craft
As time allows

Materials: Paper, markers, sample project
Activity: Work of the Holy Spirit Poster
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Have students make a poster that says, “Work of the Holy Spirit” on the top. Have students write/copy the words and draw pictures to illustrate the work of the Holy Spirit...Prayer Interpreter, Convictor of Sin, etc.

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.
Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.
Close in prayer & dismiss.