

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Beginner Lesson One Hundred Sixteen: Samuel's Admonition

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Kings
Bible Reading & Discussion: I Samuel 12:1-2, 6-8, 11-12, 16-20, 24-25
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Prayer
Learning Objectives: (1) Samuel reminded Israel of the Lord's righteous deeds. (2) Samuel told the people that they were wicked to ask for a king when God was their king. (3) God sent thunder and rain so the people would know their wickedness. (4) Samuel told the people to fear the Lord and serve him with all their hearts. (5) Samuel warned Israel that they would be swept away if they did wickedly. (6) It is right to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom on earth, which is the reign of Christ in the hearts and lives of believers.
- Opening** 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.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate
Instructions: Lead songs about the Bible & the Kings, including visuals and motions as appropriate. For free songs sung to familiar hymn tunes, use the following link.
<http://gardenofpraise.com/biblsong.htm>
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Missing Word Reading
Scripture: I Samuel 12:1-2, 6-8, 11-12, 16-20, 24-25
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Leader reads aloud expressively. Whenever leader pauses students say, "Lord." Leader should mark passage ahead of time.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: None
10 minutes Strategy: Hand Action
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. Instead of raising their hands to share, they perform another action: Pat your head; Pull your ear; Give the thumbs up sign; Touch your nose, etc. To keep students focused, leader should change the hand action required for each question.
Questions:
- Samuel reminded the people of Israel about the Lord's righteous deeds for them and their fathers. When the Egyptians oppressed the ancestors of the people of Israel, to whom did they cry out? (The Lord)
 - Who did the Lord send to bring Israel out of Egypt to the Promised Land? (Moses and Aaron)
 - The Lord sent the judges who, "delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived in blank." (Safety)
 - Samuel told the people, "...you said to me 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the Lord your God was your blank." (King)
 - When Samuel called upon the Lord, what did the Lord send so that the people would know their great wickedness in asking for a king when God had been their king? (Thunder and rain.)
 - Samuel told the people "...fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your blank." (Heart)
 - Samuel warned, "But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your blank." (King)
- Transitional Thought: God said through Samuel that the kingdom of Israel would be swept away if the people of Israel and their king rebelled against God and did wickedly. Christ's kingdom is eternal. Christ's blood sacrifice on the cross paid for believers' sin, saving those with faith in Christ with a salvation that cannot be swept away.

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Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is and for the saving sacrifice of Christ.

Bible Memory Strategy: Erase-a-Word

10-15 minutes Materials: White board with markers and eraser

Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following passage written on it:

Question: What is prayed for in the second petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That the gospel may be preached, believed, and obeyed in all the world.

Verse: "Your kingdom come..." Matthew 6:10a

Read in unison pointing to each word as it is read. Have students cover their eyes. Erase random words from the board. Ask students to open their eyes and tell you what words were erased. Read again, pointing to each word as it is read and saying the missing words from memory. Repeat several times until quoting rather than reading. (Students that do not read will associate the location on the board with the words.)

Bible Craft Materials: Books from previous lesson, book material, markers, art supplies, sample project

As time allows Activity: The Lord's Prayer Book

Note: Each student will make an eight page "Lord's Prayer" book that will be completed during several lessons. A new page will be completed each lesson until the entire prayer is included in the book. Covers may be created simply with construction paper or may be more elaborate using cardboard painted or covered with wrapping paper.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. If a student has not yet started his/her book, assist student to put blank paper pages between covers and tie with yarn. Have student complete pages as described in previous lessons. On the fourth page, have students write, "Your kingdom come..." and illustrate with a white heart that has the words "Faith in Christ" and/or a cross in the center of it. Optional: Have students cut and glue the words and illustrations onto the page. (Words can be handwritten with black marker or printed from a computer for students to cut out and glue.) Have students recite the parts of the Lord's Prayer that they have learned to this point: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come..."

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.

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Questions about Prayer

Question: What is prayer?

Answer: Prayer is talking with God.

Verse: "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven...'" Matthew 6:9a-b

Question: What is prayed for in the first petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God may be honored.

Verse: "...hallowed be your name." Matthew 6:9c

Question: What is prayed for in the second petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That the gospel may be preached, believed, and obeyed in all the world.

Verse: "Your kingdom come..." Matthew 6:10a

Question: What is prayed for in the third petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That men on earth may serve God as the angels do in heaven.

Verse: "...your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10b

Question: What is prayed for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will provide our physical needs.

Verse: "Give us this day our daily bread," Matthew 6:11

Question: What is prayed for in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will pardon our sins.

Verse: "and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12

Question: What is prayed for in the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will keep us from sin.

Verse: "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Matthew 6:13