

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Preschool Lesson One Hundred Thirteen: Israel Demands a King

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Judges
Bible Reading & Discussion: I Samuel 8:1-22
Bible Memory & Craft: Verses about the Holy Spirit
Learning Objectives: (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.
- 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 Songs** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate
Instructions: 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.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Leader Read Aloud & Picturing
Scripture: I Samuel 8:1-22
Instructions: 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.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Word poster #3 "Work of the Holy Spirit"
10 minutes Strategy: Hot Potato
Instructions: 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.
Questions:
- When Samuel became old, Samuel's sons became judges over Israel. Did they 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 *blank.*" (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, to make equipment...)
 - List some of the things that Samuel said would happen to their daughters. (They would be taken to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.)
 - 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 *blank.*" (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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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 Strategy: Bean Bag Review

10-15 minutes Materials: Bean Bag

Instructions: Have students stand in a circle. Using the review verses, start to quote a verse and then toss the bean bag to someone to share the next word. Continue until verses have been reviewed sufficiently.

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

Verse: "And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin...because they do not believe in me." John 16:8-9

Verse: "It is the Spirit who gives life..." John 6:63a

Verse: "...when you heard...the gospel of our salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit..." Ephesians 1:13-14

Verse: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." Galatians 5:22-23a

Verse: "...he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth..." John 14:16-17

Bible Craft Materials: Paper, markers, sample project

As time allows 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 glue the words and draw or glue pictures to illustrate the work of the Holy Spirit...Prayer Interpreter, Convictor of Sin, Spiritual Life Giver, Seal of Salvation, Fruit Producer, and Helper. (Words can be handwritten with black marker or printed from a computer for students to cut out and glue.)

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