

## Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

### Preschool Lesson One Hundred Twenty: Saul Disobeys the Lord

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Kings  
Bible Reading & Discussion: Deuteronomy 25:17-19; I Samuel 15:1-5, 7-31, 34-35  
Bible Memory & Craft: Verses about Prayer  
Learning Objectives: (1) Amalek did not fear God and fought with Israel. (2) The Lord declared that He would blot out the memory of Amalek. (3) The Lord told Saul to strike Amalek, to devote them to destruction, and to spare nothing. (4) Saul and the people disobeyed the Lord, sparing the king of Amalek and all the best animals. (5) Samuel told Saul that he had rejected the word of the Lord so the Lord rejected him from being king. (6) Believers should confess their sins to God and should ask God for help to resist sin.
- 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: Leader Read Aloud and Character Cues  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 25:17-19; I Samuel 15:1-5, 7-31, 34-35  
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. As leader reads aloud expressively, students perform an action based upon who is speaking. To help students to follow who is speaking, leader should say "Name said" instead of reading a pronoun. Leader should pause, giving students time to respond. When the Lord is speaking, students stand; when Samuel is speaking, students kneel; when Saul is speaking, students sit.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Number Cards  
10 minutes Strategy: Count Down  
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. Numbers are written on small cards and handed out randomly to students. The leader asks questions and students answer in numerical order (1,2,3).  
Questions:
- "Remember what Amalek did to you...he did not fear blank." (God)
  - God said, "...strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them..." Did Saul devote all to destruction? (No)
  - Who did Saul and the people spare? (Agag, king of Amalek)
  - What did Saul and the people keep alive? (The best sheep, oxen, calves, and lambs)
  - Who said, "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments."? (The Lord)
  - Who said, "I feared the people and obeyed their voice."? (Saul)
  - "Behold, to blank is better than sacrifice..." (Obey)
  - Samuel said, "Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being blank."? (King)
  - Saul said, "I have blank; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the Lord your God."? (Sinned)
  - "Samuel grieved over blank." (Saul)

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Transitional Thought: Saul feared and obeyed the people instead of obeying the Lord. For the sin of rejecting the word of the Lord, Saul would lose his kingship over Israel. Although believers have been forgiven, they still sin and disobey the Lord. When a believer sins, the person should confess the sin to the Lord and should pray that God would help him/her to resist sin.

**Group Prayer** Through prayer, praise God for Who He is and for Jesus Christ's sacrifice that allows believers to be forgiven of their sins.

**Bible Memory** Materials: White board with markers and eraser

10-15 minutes Strategy: Body Motions

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

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

Exaggerated body motions are chosen to represent most words in the passage. Students repeat the passage a few times using words and body motions.

**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.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Any students that are not up to date with this project should complete pages as described in previous lessons. On the eighth page, have students copy or glue, "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil" and illustrate with words and pictures of sins, such as lies, disobedience, stealing, etc., inside of a circle with a big red "X" over it. (Words can be handwritten with black marker or printed from a computer for students to cut out and glue.) Collect the books for use during future lessons.

Have students recite the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

**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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Verses about Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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