

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Primary Lesson One Hundred Thirteen: Israel Demands a King

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Bible Drill
Bible Reading & Discussion: I Samuel 8:1-22
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions 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 Facts** Materials: Bibles for students to use
5-10 minutes Strategies: Bible Drill
Instructions: Students hold closed Bibles up over head. The leader then calls out a Scripture reference – the book, the chapter and the verse. When the leader says, "Charge," the students look for the reference in their Bibles. When the reference is found, students stand and read it.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Group Read Aloud & Picturing
Scripture: I Samuel 8:1-22
Instructions: Give each student a set of verses to read. Have students take turns standing to read their passage while the other students close their eyes and picture what they are hearing. Encourage readers to read very expressively. Allow listeners to share 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, who became judges over Israel? (Samuel's sons)
 - Did Samuel's sons judge as Samuel had judged? (No)
 - What did Samuel's sons do that was wrong? (They took bribes and perverted justice.)
 - What did the elders of Israel request of Samuel? (A king)
 - How did Samuel feel about this request? (Displeased)
 - 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.)
 - What else would the king take? (Best of their fields, vineyards, and orchards; their servants; their flocks...)
 - The people still wanted a king. They said, "...that we also may be like all the *blank*." (Nations)
 - The people 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)

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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.

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 on 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 Strategy: Bean Bag Stand-up/Sit-down Review

10-15 minutes 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: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. 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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance..." 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...he dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:16-17

Bible Craft Materials: Index cards, pens or pencils, sample project

As time allows Activity: Flip-em Cards

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give each student 6 index cards. Students write one question per card then flips each card over & writes the answer & verse. Students play "Flip-em." They partner up. One student holds a card for the partner to read. The student holding the card

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silently counts to 5 (7, 10) then flips the card over. The partner must say what's on the other side before it's flipped.

Closing

Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.