

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

Primary Lesson One Hundred Fifteen: Saul Becomes King

Overview	<p><u>Bible Facts & Songs:</u> Bible Drill <u>Bible Reading & Discussion:</u> I Samuel 9:25 – 10:24 <u>Bible Memory & Craft:</u> Questions about Prayer <u>Learning Objectives:</u> (1) Privately, Samuel told Saul that the Lord had anointed him to be prince over Israel. (2) Samuel gave Saul three signs as proof of the Lord's anointing and all three signs came to pass. (3) God gave Saul another heart. (4) The Lord, through Samuel, told the people that they had rejected God when they asked for a king. (5) Publically, by lot, the Lord chose Saul as king. (6) God should be hallowed, which means honored.</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 Facts 5-10 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Bibles for students to use <u>Strategies:</u> Bible Drill <u>Instructions:</u> 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.</p>
Bible Reading 15 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Bibles for students to use, paper, pencils <u>Strategies:</u> Draw It! <u>Scripture:</u> I Samuel 9:25 – 10:24 <u>Instructions:</u> Have students sit at tables. Give each student a piece of paper and pencil. Have students fold paper in half twice so that there are four squares when the paper is opened. As leader reads aloud, students draw four different scenes from the Scripture reading, each in a different square. Tell students to draw simple pictures that will not take a lot of time – like cartoons &/or stick figures.</p>
Bible Discussion 10 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Number Cards <u>Strategy:</u> Count Down <u>Instructions:</u> 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), reverse order (10,9,8), or by type (even, odd, divisible by three, etc.). To add challenge and fun, leader can switch answer type throughout. <u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Samuel told Saul to let the servants go ahead, "that I may make known to you the word of <u>blank</u>." (God)➤ Privately, Samuel poured oil on Saul's head and said, "Has not the <u>blank</u> anointed you to be prince over his people Israel?" (Lord)➤ Three signs were given to Saul so that he would know that it was the Lord that had anointed him. By Rachel's tomb, two men would meet him. What would they say? (That the donkeys were found and that Saul's father was anxious about Saul)➤ At Bethel, three men would be carrying wine, bread, and goats. What would they give to Saul? (Two loaves of bread)➤ At Gibeath-elohim, Saul would meet a group of prophets. The <u>blank</u> of the <u>blank</u> would rush upon him and he would prophesy and he would be turned into another man. (Spirit, Lord)➤ When Saul left Samuel, "<u>Blank</u> gave him another heart." (God)➤ Did all of the signs come to pass as Samuel had said? (Yes)

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- At Mizpah, Samuel called the people together before the Lord and drew lots to publicly determine who would be king. Samuel said, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel...you have blank your God, who saves you...you have said to him, 'Set a king over us...'" (Rejected)
- When the Lord chose Saul by lot to become king, where had Saul hidden himself? (Among the baggage)
- When Saul stood among the people, Samuel said, "Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen?" What did the people shout? (Long live the king!)

Transitional Thought: The people of Israel did not honor God when they asked for a king to lead and protect them; they rejected God. In the Lord's Prayer, the first petition asks that God may be hallowed, which means honored.

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, honoring Him by listing some of His many attributes.

Bible Memory **10-15 minutes**
Materials: White board with markers and eraser
Strategy: Hand Motions
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 first petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God may be honored.

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

Simple hand motions are chosen to represent most words in the passage. Students repeat the passage a few times using words and hand motions from memory.

Bible Craft **As time allows**
Materials: Books from previous lesson, book material, markers, art supplies, sample project
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 one and two as described in the previous lesson. On the third page, have students write, "hallowed be your name" and illustrate with the various names of God that are found in Scripture, such as Jehovah, Yahweh, Everlasting Father, Lord, Mighty God, etc. Encourage students to be artistic using different styles of writing for the different names. Optional: Have students cut out letters from magazines and advertisements and use them to create their illustrations. Collect the books for use during future lessons

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