

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Primary Lesson One Hundred Twenty: Saul Disobeys the Lord

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Kings
Bible Reading & Discussion: Exodus 17:8, 14-16; Deuteronomy 25:17-19; Judges 6:3-4; I Samuel 15:1-5, 7-31, 34-35
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions 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: Ask students to 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: Exodus 17:8, 14-16; Deuteronomy 25:17-19; Judges 6:3-4; 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), 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.
Questions:
- Who said, "I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."? (The Lord)
 - "Remember what Amalek did to you...he did not fear blank." (God)
 - "...strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not blank them..." (Spare)
 - 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 did Saul blame for the disobedience? (The people)
 - Who said, "I feared the people and obeyed their voice."? (Saul)
 - "Behold, to blank is better than sacrifice..." (Obey)
 - Who said, "Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king."? (Samuel)

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- Who said, "I have sinned; 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."? (Saul)
- "Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel blank over Saul." (Grieved)

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:

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

Exaggerated body motions are chosen to represent most words in the passage. Students read the passage a few times using words and body motions. Next students repeat the passage using body motions and words from memory, without looking at 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.

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 write, "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. 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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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