

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Primary Lesson One Hundred Thirty-one: Death of Saul

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Bible Drill
Bible Reading & Discussion: Leviticus 19:31; 20:6, 27; I Samuel 28:3-25; 31:1-7; I Chronicles 10:13-14
Bible Memory & Craft: The Armor of God
Learning Objectives: (1) Instead of trusting in the Lord and in His strength, when Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid. (2) When the Lord did not answer, Saul went to a medium, which the Lord had forbidden in the law. (3) Samuel's spirit told Saul that he and his sons would die and that Israel would be given into the hand of the Philistines. (4) Saul's sons were killed by the Philistines. (5) Saul fell upon his own sword and died. (6) Israel abandoned their cities and the Philistines lived in them. (7) Saul died because he broke faith with the Lord, disobeyed the Lord, and did not seek guidance from the Lord. (8) To stand against sin and the devil, believers must put on Jesus Christ, must put their faith, their trust, in Jesus Christ for salvation and strength.
- 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: Leader Read Aloud & Action Reading
Scripture: Leviticus 19:31; 20:6, 27; I Samuel 28:3-25; 31:1-7; I Chronicles 10:13-14
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Leader reads aloud expressively. When students hear the words "mediums, wizards, or necromancers" they make the thumbs-down sign. Whenever students hear the words "Lord or God" they point up to the sky. Leader should prepare ahead by marking the passage and should pause to allow students time to respond.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: None
10 minutes Strategy: Order Please
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle in order by first initial, height, hair length, birth date, etc. Students answer questions in this order.
Questions:
- It was forbidden in the law that a person turn to a medium or wizard. The Lord would set His face against the person that turned to one of these and blank him off from among his people. (Cut)
 - According to the law, what should be done to mediums and wizards? (Stoned to death)
 - When the Lord did not answer Saul, to whom did he go? (A medium at En-dor)
 - Who was disturbed and brought up to speak with Saul? (Samuel)
 - Samuel repeated the prophecy that he had told Saul when Samuel was alive, that the Lord had torn the kingdom from Saul and given it to David. The Lord did this because Saul did not blank the Lord and carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek. (Obey)
 - What did Samuel say would happen to Saul and his sons? (They would die)
 - Who did Samuel say would give the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines? (The Lord)
 - How did Saul die? (He fell upon his own sword.)
 - "...Saul died for his breach of blank. He broke blank with the Lord..." (Faith, faith)
 - Saul "consulted a blank, seeking guidance. He did not seek guidance from the Lord." (Medium)
 - "Therefore the blank put (Saul) to death and turned the kingdom over to David..." (Lord)

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Transitional Thought: Instead of trusting in the Lord and in His strength, instead of putting his faith in the Lord, Saul became afraid of the Philistine army and broke the law of the Lord by going to a medium for guidance. Saul did not stand against the enemy; instead he sinned against the Lord. To stand against sin and the devil, believers must put on the Lord Jesus Christ, must put their faith, their trust, in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and strength. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one come to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is and for salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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:

"Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth," Ephesians 6:14a

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: Paper, yarn, markers, scissors, tape/stapler/hole punch, sample project
As time allows Activity: Belt of Truth
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give students paper and show them how to fold it lengthwise two times and tape it so that it is about the width of a belt. Have students attach yarn to each end of the paper so that the yarn can be wrapped around the waist and tied at the back. On the paper, have students write, "Jesus is the truth. John 14:6" Discuss with students that Jesus is the truth and that to stand against sin and the devil believers must put on/trust in Jesus. (Note: Yarn may be attached with tape, staples, tied through a hole in the paper, or a combo of methods)

Practice the armor of God Scripture passage that has been learned to this point: *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth..." Ephesians 6:10-11, 14a*

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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Ephesians 6

"The Armor of God"

Verse 10: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

Verse 11: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

Verse 14a: "Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth,"

Verse 14b: "and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,"

Verse 15: "and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace."

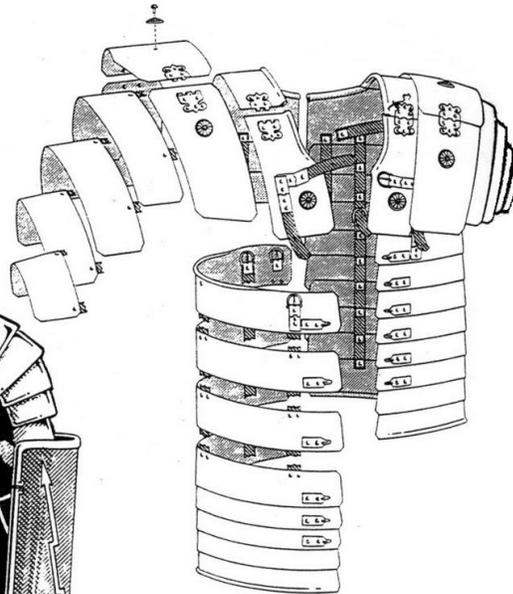
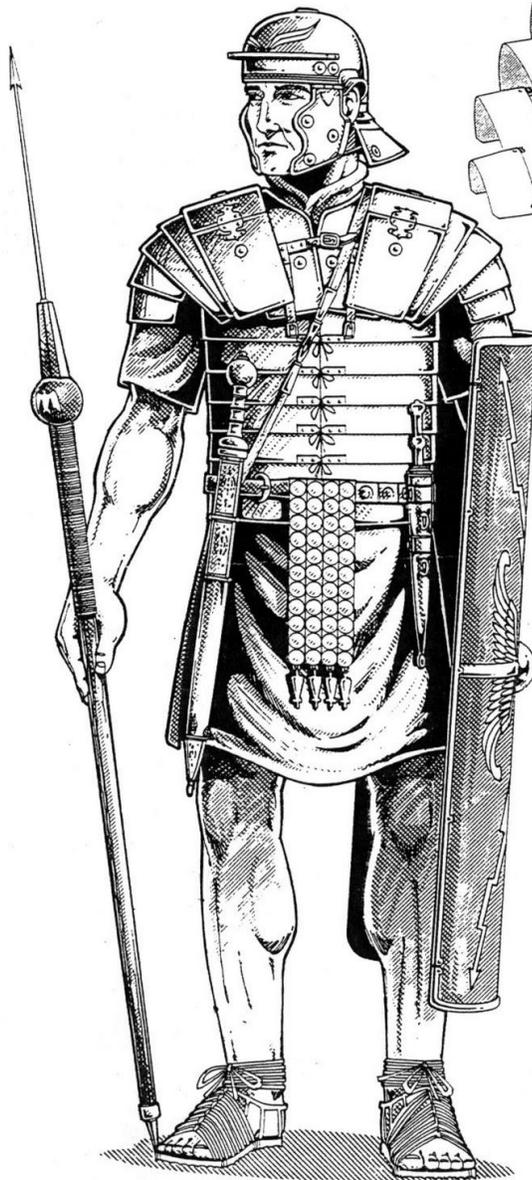
Verse 16: "In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;"

Verse 17a: "and take the helmet of salvation,"

Verse 17b: "and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God,"

Verse 18a: "praying at all times in the Spirit..."

Roman Legionnaire
c. 50-250 A.D.



**Exploded View of
Roman Legionnaire's
Laminated Armour**

"Lorica Segmentata" cuirass with hinged laminated steel pieces riveted to leather straps and laced together in the front & back. Weight: 9kg (20lbs).