

Saul Becomes King

1 Samuel 8-10

Grades 4,5

Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)

Materials needed - towels (one for each group of the relay race)

- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.

- Our memory verse for the month is Isaiah 41:10. Play this video while singing along. <https://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/product/do-not-fear-isaiah-4110/>

- Divide all the kids into a groups of 5 or more with mixed ages. Line them up on one end of the room for a relay race.
- One the other side of the room put down strips of paper with the memory verse on it.
- When it is time to go, kids will run one at a time to the other side of the room where they can pick up one piece of paper and bring it back to their group. Then the next kid will go to pick up the next piece of paper.
- When all the pieces have been gathered, the first group to have their memory verse in order wins.

- Let's watch "What's In The Bible" DVD 5 9min - 13min together

Break up into small groups

Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)

Materials needed - Spark Bible, small paper crown

- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.

Read this version of the story - <https://missionbibleclass.org/old-testament/part2/united-kingdom/saul-becomes-israels-first-king/>

Questions

- As you are listening to the story, ask each of the kids to write down a question about the story on a small piece of paper.
- Mix up all the questions and ask them to the kids. You can either break the kids up into teams to answer the questions or let them answer individually.

Guess who is King?

- Ask the kids to sit in a circle
- Choose one kid to be "it" they can leave the room while the others choose someone to be "king"
- The "king" gets a small paper crown and can hide it anywhere on themselves.
- Ask all the kid who is "it" to come back into the room and try to guess who is king.
- Play this game as many times as you would like.
- Relate this game to the story when Saul was hiding.

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed - paper and markers

- Divide the kids into group and give them a large piece of paper, ask them to design their own King or Queen or both.
- What would that person look like? What kind of qualities would they have?
- Take some time to pray and thank God that He is the best King, and knows what is best for us.

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - memory verse sheets, tape a ball

- Tape the memory verse sheets to the floor in order. Ask each of the kids to stand on a sheet and make sure they know what their sheet says. Give the first kid a ball and ask them to say their part of the memory verse, then pass the ball to the next person who then says their part of the memory verse etc. Keep doing this until you can get faster and faster as a group.