

# *Family Worship*

## *The Story of Kingship*

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# *Opening Prayer*

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

# *Shine On Me*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3iB3ogCqAc>

**Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land  
With the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light**

# *Catechism Time!*

Bible truths for teaching children

## Question 35

**Q:** Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

**A:** All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

**Bible verse (Ephesians 2:8)**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

# Let's Open Up the Bible

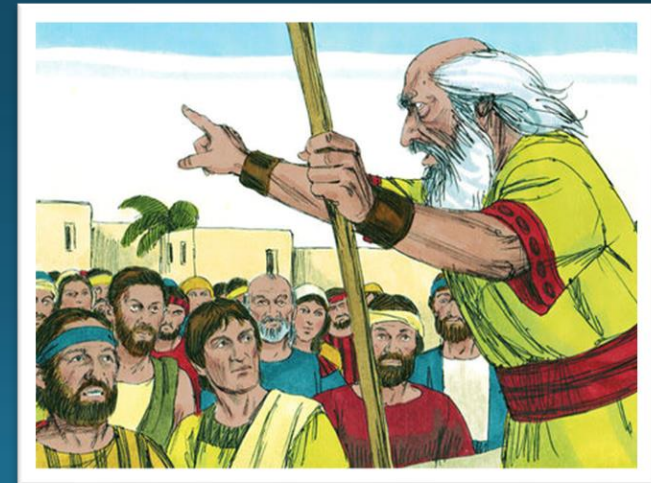
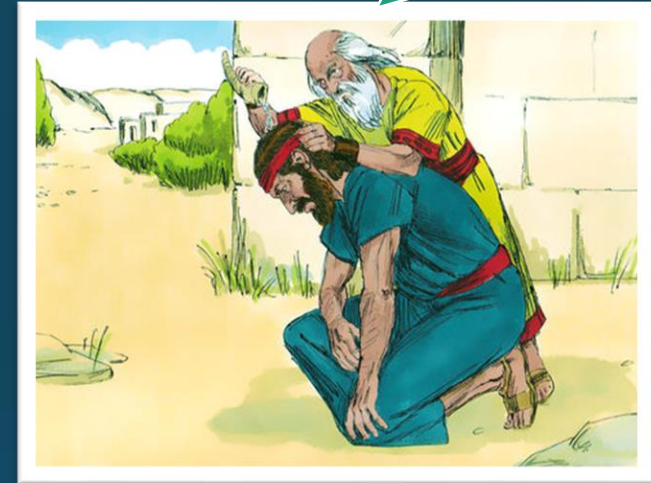
1 Samuel 10:1, 10:17-25, 13:5-13

# Samuel Anointed Saul As King

Saul, I anoint you...

Samuel took a jar of olive oil. He poured the oil on Saul's head. He kissed Saul and said, "The Lord has appointed you to be leader of his people Israel. You will rule over the people of the Lord. You will save them from their enemies all around..."

Samuel called all the people of Israel to meet with the Lord at Mizpah. He said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I led Israel out of Egypt. I saved you from Egypt's control. And I saved you from other kingdoms that were troubling you.' But now you have rejected your God. He saves you from all your troubles and problems. But you said, 'No! We want a king to rule over us.' Now come, stand before the Lord in your tribes and family groups."







Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near. And the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. Samuel had them pass by in family groups, and Matri's family was chosen. Then he had each man of Matri's family pass by. And Saul son of Kish was chosen. But when they looked for Saul, they could not find him. Then they asked the Lord, "Has Saul come here yet?" The Lord said, "Yes. He's hiding behind the baggage." So they ran and brought him out.

When Saul stood among the people, he was a head taller than anyone else. Then Samuel said to the people, "See the man the Lord has chosen. There is no one like him among all the people." Then the people shouted, "Long live the king!"



Samuel explained the rights and duties of the king. He wrote the rules in a book (scroll) and put it before the Lord.



### **The rights and duties of the king**

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# Some time later

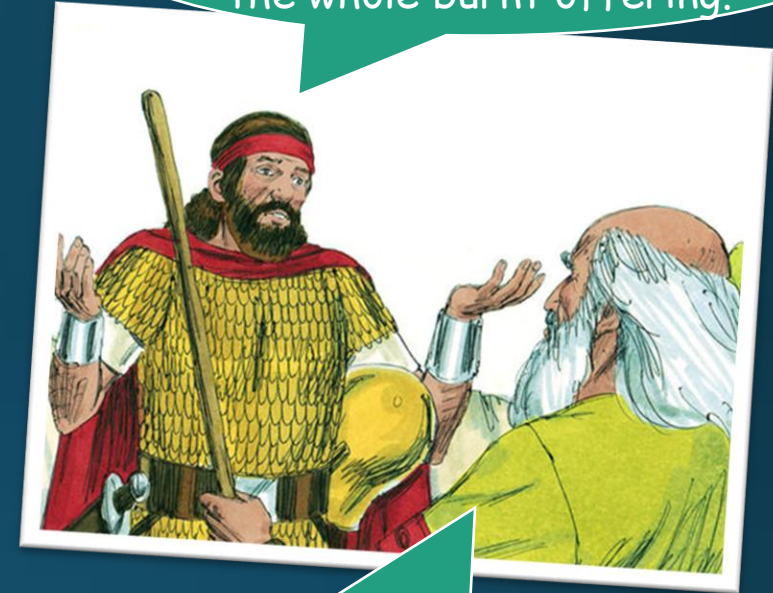
The Philistines gathered to fight Israel...

But Saul stayed at Gilgal. All the men in his army were shaking with fear. Saul waited seven days, because Samuel had said he would meet him then. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal. And the soldiers began to leave.

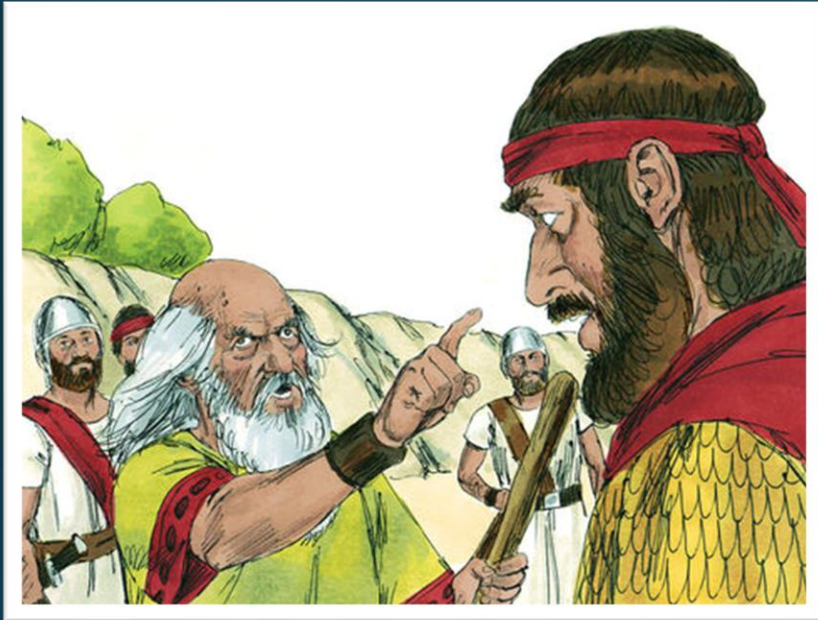
So Saul said, "Bring me the whole burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." **Then Saul offered the whole burnt offering.** Just as he finished, Samuel arrived. Saul went to meet him.

Samuel asked, "What have you done?" Saul answered, "I saw the soldiers leaving me, and you were not here. The Philistines were gathering at Micmash. Then I thought, 'The Philistines will come against me at Gilgal. And I haven't asked for the Lord's approval.' So I forced myself to offer the whole burnt offering."

You were here...so I forced myself to offer the whole burnt offering.



What have you done???



Samuel said, "You acted foolishly! You haven't obeyed God's command. If you had obeyed him, God would make your kingdom continue in Israel forever. But now your kingdom will not continue. The Lord has looked for the kind of man he wants. The Lord has appointed him to become ruler of his people. He is doing this because you haven't obeyed his command."

# Family Discussion

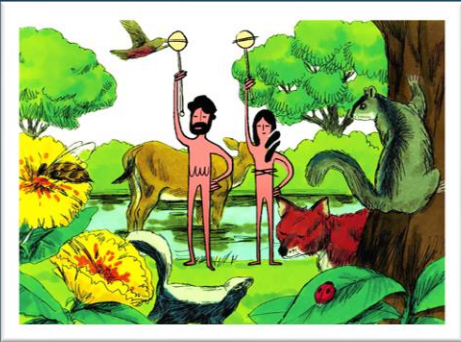
1. Saul started out as a good king.
  - a) Did he know what a king should or should not do? (Hint: Did Samuel write them down?)
  - b) Did he have any excuse for not obeying God?
2. Saul and his army were facing the Philistines, and Samuel was late. What did Saul do?
3. Was the king of Israel allowed to offer burnt offerings to God? If not, who were allowed to do so? (Hint: p\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s)
4. God wanted a king who would follow His leadership, not someone who acted as if he had no "boss" above him.
  - a) What was the consequence of Saul's disobedience to God?



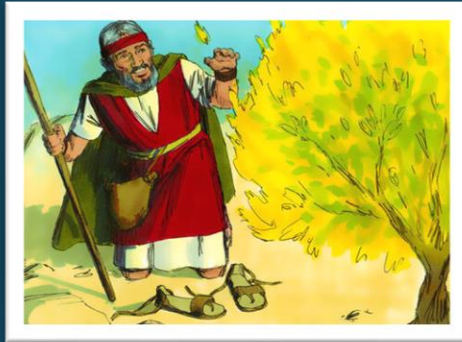


# The Story of Kingship

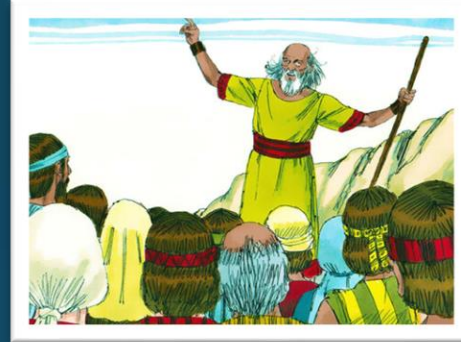
# In the past, God appointed people to rule and carry out His will



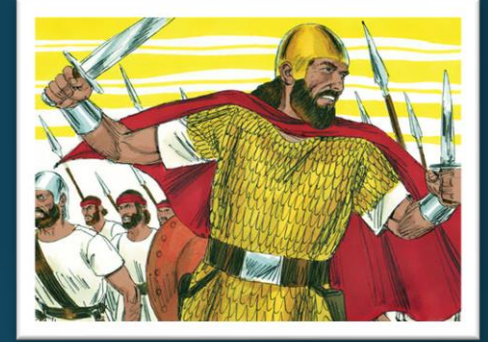
Adam & Eve (humans) were given authority to rule over creation



Moses was appointed to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt



Samuel was appointed priest, judge, prophet, and military leader over Israel



Saul was appointed as king to lead Israel under God's guidance and authority

A king (or ruler) is one who represents God to rule over His people and the land.

The perfect King is of course Jesus! He rules with truth, grace and love, in perfect obedience to the Father's will.

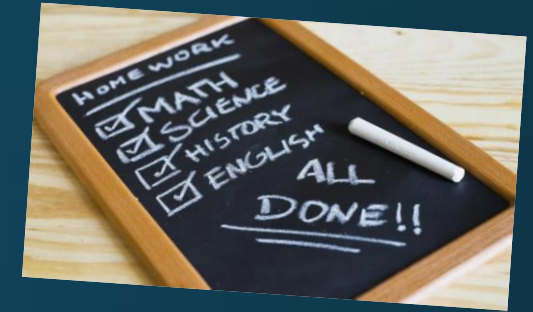


# Now God also appoints you to rule !

- ❑ God wants us to rule over all that He entrusts to us in ways that please Him
- ❑ The word "rule" means manage or steward. Examples of ruling are:
  - Managing your time and money
  - Taking care of your health
  - Doing your work or study
  - Developing your talents
  - Caring for the environment
- ❑ In our life time we learn to take care of the bit of the world that God entrusts to us



Time



Work & Study



Money



Talents



God's Creation



Health





And one day, God will renew everything.  
There will be a new heaven and a new earth  
where Jesus' followers will rule with Him !

- ❑ If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. (2Tim 2:11,12).
- ❑ Many other Bible passages also tell us that we, God's people, will rule with Jesus (See Rev 1:5,6 / 3:21 / 5:9-10 / 20:6 / 22:5)

# In the future, we will Rule with Christ !



Our model on how to rule is Jesus himself. He is the gentle shepherd, the Servant King.

Bible Scholar N. T. Wright said, "So if you have learned in this life to look after the bit of the world that God has given you, which might be your own body, your family, a business, a church...then this is preparing you to help God look after His new creation. That's awesome, isn't it?"



God is preparing you to rule with Him in the future. But first you must learn to take care of the things He has already entrusted you with.

Choose some of the following and discuss how you can do them in a way that pleases God:

- Managing your time and money
- Taking care of your health
- Doing your work or study
- Developing your talents
- Caring for the environment
- Other?

# *Family Prayer Time*

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

# *The Servant King*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrQiLEO4D5s>

