

Samuel



Completion Choose the correct word from the box, and write it in the blank.

- God 1. Samuel was called by ? at a young age.
- king 2. When the people of Israel saw that Samuel's sons did not love God, they asked for a ?.
- ark 3. During the battle with the Israelites, the Philistines captured the ? of God.
- Saul 4. Because ? disobeyed, God rejected him as king.
- judge 5. Samuel was the last ? of Israel.



Short Answer Read each question carefully, and write your answer in the blank.

1. Why was Samuel taken to the Tabernacle to live? Hannah told God that if He gave her a son, she would give her son back to Him.
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2. When Samuel first came to the Tabernacle to live, he may have been fearful. What verse could you use to help you when you are fearful? Copy it on the lines below.
- Answers vary. Psalm 56:3, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee."
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3. Who was with Samuel throughout his life? God If you have trusted in Jesus for forgiveness, God is with you, too. How do you know that?

Answers vary. God has promised that He will never leave me or forsake me. God always keeps His promises.

4. Why did the Israelites ask for a king? The people of Israel wanted to be like other nations.
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5. Why was Samuel upset when the Israelites asked for a king? Samuel knew that God was to be their king.
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6. God had a plan for the Israelites. He was going to lead them using the judges, but the children of Israel wanted to be like other nations. Maybe you have wanted something that everyone else seems to have, but your parents have said no. What did you learn that could help you in your situation?

Answers vary. My parents know what is best, and I need to trust them. I need to be happy with the things that I have instead of wanting more.

Discussion/Application

Use these questions to prompt discussion about life applications from lessons.

Read 1 Samuel 15:17 and 1 Samuel 13:7–14.

1. Saul was chosen to lead Israel. How did his attitude change from when he was first anointed to when he offered the sacrifice?
Saul was humble or "little in his own sight" when Samuel first met him. When he became king, he became prideful.
2. What demonstrated Saul's change in attitude?
See answers below.
3. It can be fun to lead a group. Maybe it's a practice for a musical group, being the monitor in the classroom, watching a younger brother or sister. When you are put in charge of others, they not only listen to you, they also watch you. Right or wrong, others will often do what you do. What can you remember from the life of Saul that would help you lead others the right way?
4. Can you think of other people of the Bible who did or did not obey God? What were the results?
5. What would you tell a friend who asks you to do something that you really want to do, but you know it would be disobedience? What Bible verse could you use when talking to your friend?
6. What was your favorite part from the life of Samuel, and what did you learn from it?

Answers vary.

Optional—Have students draw their favorite scene in the space below.



2. *Because Samuel had not come, Saul's army began to desert him. Saul became fearful and decided that the king could do the job that was given only to the priest. His fear and pride caused him to make a wrong choice, and this led to disobedience.*
3. *Proverbs 13:10*
Answers vary. I need to obey my teacher or parent and not make up my own rules. I need to remember that others are watching me and set a good example for others to follow. I should not be bossy but kind.
4. *Answers vary. Examples: Eli's sons — disobedience. They caused the people of Israel to despise coming to the Tabernacle. Jonah — disobedience. He was swallowed by a fish. Esther — obedience. God saved a nation.*
5. *1 Samuel 15:22; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20*
Sample scenario: Parents told you not to play a particular video game, and your friend wants you to play just for a few minutes.

Something to Think About

When Samuel’s mother wanted a son, she prayed and waited for God. When Samuel needed help leading the people of Israel, he prayed and followed God’s direction. When Saul was waiting for Samuel, he did not pray and offered the sacrifice himself. Psalm 55:17 says, “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.” God wants us to talk to Him every day. Can you find a time each day that you can talk to God? Maybe a good time for you would be when you first wake up, or when you are ready to go to bed at night. God loves you and wants to hear from you!

My Prayer List



Praises



Friends



Church/School



Family



Personal
