

*When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.*

Program A-1

## Samuel Anoints Saul

1 Samuel 9:1-10:26

Samuel and Kings Series: Lesson #4

Bible Verse: We will listen and obey. Deut. 5:27  
Obey the LORD your God and follow His commands. Deut. 27:10  
Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10  
God hears us when we pray. Psalm 34:17

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Samuel relied on God for answers. He listened and obeyed.  
God, not Samuel, chose Saul to be king.

Prop ideas: Crown, bottle or flask of oil

### SAMPLE STORY

Samuel had been leading the nation of Israel for a long time. But the people looked around at the other countries...none of them had a Judge or a Prophet as a leader...they had **KINGS!** The Israelites wanted a king, too. So they told Samuel to appoint a King. Samuel asked God what to do. God told Samuel that He would give Israel a king. This story is how God showed Samuel which man should be chosen to be king.

A man who had lost his donkeys sent his son, Saul, throughout the countryside to find them. The bible tells us that Saul was “an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites – a head taller than any of the others.” (1 Sam 9:2) He and a servant went looking for the animals. They did not find the donkeys, but they found God’s prophet, Samuel.

As Saul approached Samuel, God told him that this was the man who would lead Israel in defeating their enemies. Samuel should anoint him as king. (Back then you would anoint someone by pouring oil over their head. It was a sign or symbol to others that God has chosen them). Samuel told Saul, “Come and eat with me today. We’ll talk and you can go home in the morning. The donkeys have been found. And by the way, *you are going to become king of Israel.*” Saul could not believe it. King of Israel? Before Saul went home the next day, Samuel anointed Saul’s head with oil.

Samuel gathered the people of Israel and presented Saul as the new king. Samuel explained to the people what all the rules of having a king would be. He wrote them down and put them before the LORD. Samuel reminded the Israelites that they would need to always follow God. The people of Israel and their king would need to listen to God and obey. If they did, God would bless them.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Playing Basketball

Making Listening Ears

Playing “Where Are The Donkeys?”

## FLUID FUN (WATER, OIL, GOOP, SILLY PUTTY, SQUISH BAGS) & PLAYDOUGH

Materials: Play-dough (In room)  
Water tub (In room)  
Towel  
Plastic scoops/cups  
Squish Bags\*

Do: Partially fill the tub with water. Let the children use the scoops to pour water over their hands. (Back into the tub of course!)  
Let them play with Play-dough and Squish bags.\* Focus on feeling the different materials.  
Make Goop and Silly Putty for more fun! (Instructions below)

**\* DO NOT OPEN BAGS. Feel the materials through the bags.**

Talk about: Samuel anointed Saul with oil to show that God had chosen him to be king. This means that he poured oil on Saul’s head.  
Oil is a liquid like water, but it feels different. Let the children experiment with the different fluids you have.

## **Materials for Goop and Silly Putty are in the first floor Kitchen.**

### **GOOP**

½ C. cornstarch

Water

Add water to the cornstarch, stirring in one tablespoon at a time. Add water until the mixture looks wet, but feels dry to the touch. As they play, show how the goop will hold its shape if you keep it moving, but will begin to ooze if you hold it in your hand.

### **HOMEMADE SILLY PUTTY**

2 parts Elmer's White glue

1 part Sta-Flo Regular liquid starch

Mix well. (You can mix inside of a plastic bag if you do not want to get your hands messy...but then you miss the fun!) To really feel like Silly putty, mixture must 'air out' some. It does not work as well on humid days. Children will still enjoy the gooey feel.

### **PICNIC BANQUET**

Materials: Vinyl table cloth/blanket/sheet  
Chex Mix  
Paper towels (In room)

Do: Lay the *picnic blanket* on the *ground*. Have the children sit around the *blanket*. Scoop some Chex Mix into a paper towel for each child. Be sure to say grace before eating.

Talk about: A banquet is like a party where everyone sits down to eat together. Samuel had invited about 30 guests. He had saved the 'head seat' or best spot for Saul. Samuel told Saul that God had chosen him to be king.

EXTRA: Teachers,  
You can make this a *real banquet celebration* if you want and bring more food and drink. (A leg of meat – 1 Sam. 9:24, I doubt it was a chicken leg, but you could bring fried chicken legs!)

## SINGING TIME

Materials: None

Do: Gather the children in a circle to sing some songs.

Suggestions:

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes  
Hokey Pokey  
Lord's Army

Let them choose some of their favorites.

Talk about: God chose Saul to be the first king of Israel. Saul was a very tall and handsome man. Maybe these songs about our heads and arms will remind us that Saul was 'a head and shoulders' above everyone else.

### Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes  
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

*Point to body part as it is sung.*

*- On the next verse, hum 'head' but still point to it. - On third verse, hum 'head' & 'shoulders' while still pointing to them. Continue until you are humming everything. Go faster with each verse.*

### Trust and Obey

Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.

### Tell the Good News (Variation)

Tell the good news, Tell the good news,  
Tell the good news is what we sing.  
Tell the good news, Tell the good news,  
Tell the good news that Saul is King.