

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

Program A-1

## King Saul Does Not Obey God

1 Samuel 13:1-15

Samuel & Kings Series: Lesson #5

Bible Verse: Wait for the LORD's help. Psalm 27:14

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: God blesses us when we wait for Him and are obedient.

Prop ideas: Clock or timer. (Set alarm for 2 minutes, ask children to wait quietly while you appear to do *nothing*).

### SAMPLE STORY

When Saul became King of Israel, he was a humble man. God's Spirit was with him. He would seek God in leading the fight against their enemies. Because Saul was obedient in seeking God, God gave them victory over their enemies.

Saul became too confident and too proud. He decided not to wait for God. Samuel had told Saul to wait for seven days. Samuel would come and offer a sacrifice before they would go to battle. Saul waited the seven days. Many of the men became scared and ran off and hid. Saul decided to go ahead and offer the sacrifice himself, even though Samuel said to wait for him to come and do it. Samuel arrived just as Saul finished. Saul made excuses for not obeying. But, Samuel told him "You have acted foolishly. Because you have not kept the command that God gave you, your kingdom will not last." That meant that Saul's sons and grandsons would not become king of Israel. A man from another family would become the next king.

It is very important to always listen to God, wait for His directions and obey. If we do, God will bless us.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Playing with Magnet Shapes

Making Foil Pictures

Building W/Blocks

## TRI-COLOR COLORING

Materials: Crayons (In room)  
Rubber Bands  
Bulletin Board Paper (Appr. 6 ft.)

Do: Lay paper on table. Secure with tape if desired. Using rubber bands, wrap three different colored crayons together. Let the children create a colorful picture with the tri-color crayons.

Talk about: What are their favorite colors? How is this different from using just one crayon?

## BALLOON TOSS

Materials: 2 to 3 Balloons

Do: Move chairs/tables to clear an area for play. Let them just work together to keep the balloons in the air.

Talk about: Letting everyone have a turn to hit the balloon. (If your class is very large, you may have to limit the number of players at a time).

## OBEDIENCE SNACK

Materials: Gold Fish  
Pretzels  
Mini Marshmallows  
Plastic Cups (In room or 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Kitchen)

Do: Have children sit at the table. Give each child a cup. Tell the children that you will be giving them different things for their snack. They must **WAIT** before eating it. They should not eat any of it until you tell them it is OK. Go around the table giving each child a few goldfish. Then give them a few pretzels. Before saying a blessing, remind them to wait until you say it is OK to eat. Say a blessing.

If no one has eaten anything, praise them. It is hard to wait. It is hard to be patient. Add a few Mini Marshmallows to their cups.

If some did not listen and wait, give them fewer Mini Marshmallows than those who listened and waited.

Talk about: When we obey God, even if we have to wait, He will bless us. Just like waiting to eat your snack, it is sometimes hard to do. By being obedient, you got some Mini Marshmallows.