

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

Program A-2

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

First Session Classes will be:

Playing with Fluid Fun (Water, Oil, Goop, Silly Putty, Squish Bags) & Play-dough
Having a Picnic Banquet
Singing Time

BASKETBALL

Materials: Basketball net
Ball

Do: Hang Basketball net over a chair or a cabinet door.
Have the children line up and recite this week's or previous bible verses before taking a turn to shoot. (Or have them answer questions about past lessons. Who was Hannah's baby? Who called Samuel's name in the night?)

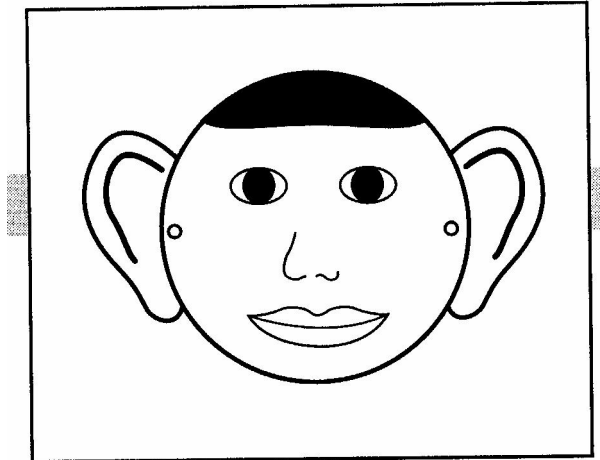
Talk about: Saul was a tall man. He stood 'a head and shoulders' above everyone else. Maybe he would have been a good basketball player.

LISTENING EARS

Materials: Large (9") Paper Plates
Small (6") Paper Plates
Face and Ears Coloring Page
Brads (paper fasteners)
Bible Verse stickers
Crayons (In room)
Scissors (In room)
Glue sticks (In room)

Do: Cut the small paper plate in half.
Children may color their 'Face and Ears' pages before or after cutting out.
After the face and ears are colored and cut out, help the children glue the ears to the insides of the small plate and the face to the center of the large plate.
Attach the ears to the sides of the large plate using the brads. (Use a hole-punch or pencil to make a hole).
Add bible verse sticker to the back.

Talk about: We need to put on our listening ears to learn about God and what He wants us to do.



WHERE ARE THE DONKEYS?

Materials: Donkey Pictures

Do: Hide the donkeys around the room.
Let the children search for the donkeys. (Once a child has found one, he should stop and let the others find the others).

Encourage the children to take turns with 'finding' the donkeys. Some children can become discouraged if they never get to find one. You could limit the searchers to three at a time and have the others give clues or call out 'hot' and 'cold'.

Talk about: Saul went looking for some lost donkeys belonging to his father. On his search he found Samuel instead. Samuel told Saul that he would become the king of Israel and lead the people to defeat their enemies.