

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

Program A-2

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

First Session Classes will be:

Coloring with Tri-Colors
Playing Balloon Toss
Eating an Obedience Snack

MAGNET SHAPES

- Materials: Metal Cookie Sheets
Colored Magnet Shapes
- Do: Help the children move the shapes around on the cookie sheet to make different designs. Group by color or by shape.
- Talk about: Use your imagination to make a house or an animal. Can you put some shapes together to make another shape?

FOIL PICTURES

- Materials: Aluminum Foil Squares
Pencils (**Dull ends!**)
- Do: Give each child an aluminum foil square and a pencil. The pencil tip should be dull and rounded. (Otherwise it will poke through the foil). Help them draw a simple design on the foil. (Sun, heart, star, flower)
- Talk about: Aluminum foil is a metal. Stronger metals are used to make shields or armor, for protection. But our best protection is God.

BUILDING W/BLOCKS

- Materials: Blocks (In room)
- Do: Build mountains with cliffs and caves. (*Small* mountains. Do not let children build higher than **waist high**. Plastic and wooden blocks can hurt when they fall on a child's head).
- Talk about: King Saul and his army hid in caves and among the rocks before fighting the Philistines.