

SUMMARY

The first King of Israel (Saul) came from a rich family who were farmers and by Saul being young, good-looking, and tall - he was well liked and popular. God approved the choosing of Saul because this was what the people wanted.

Next Sunday's Lesson * * * *

In contrast, the 2nd King of Israel (David) was like the black sheep of his family. He was overlooked by his family and not worthy of being considered for anything important especially to be a King. His family was poor and were not well regarded in the community. God hand picked David (plucked him out of the bunch) Why . . .

1 Samuel 16:7

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Is God Looking for You?

1st Samuel 8: 4-22 / 1st Samuel – Chapters 9 and 10

The elders of all the tribes of Israel came to Samuel at his home in Ramah; and they said to him: "You are growing old, and your sons do not rule as well as you ruled. All the lands around us have kings. Let us have a king also; and you, Samuel, choose the KING for us."

This was not pleasing to Samuel. He tried to make the people change their minds and showed them what trouble a king would bring them. But they would not follow his advice. They said: "No; we will have a king to reign over us."

Samuel called a meeting with all Israel at Mizpah and gave this message to them from the Lord.

I brought you from Egypt and rescued you from the Egyptians and from all the nations that were torturing you. You know of the signs, miracles, and wonders that were done for you. And now you are rejecting me because you want a King you can see; You want to be like other nations?



Alright then present yourselves before the Lord by tribes and clans. The 12 tribal leaders chose the tribe of Benjamin (12th son). Then from the tribe of Benjamin the family of the Matrites were chosen. From this family, a young man named SAUL was chosen

Saul, was a very handsome and good-looking young man who stood head and shoulders above them all. His father Kish was a rich farmer. And Samuel said "Look at the man whom the Lord has chosen! There is not another like him among all the people!" And all the people shouted, "God save the king! Long live the king!" Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured *it* upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over his inheritance?



Then Samuel told the people what he wrote them down in a book and placed the book before the Lord. Then Samuel sent the people home; and Saul went back to his own house at a place called Gibeah; and with Saul went a company of men to whose hearts God had given a love for the king.

So, after three hundred years under the fifteen Judges, Israel now had a king. But among the people there were some who were not pleased with the new king, because he was an unknown man from the farm. They said: "Can such a man as this save us?"

They showed no respect to the king, and in their hearts looked down upon him.

But Saul said nothing and showed his wisdom by appearing not to notice them. But in another thing, he was not so wise. He forgot to heed the old prophet's advice and instructions about ruling wisely and doing as the Lord said. It was not long before Samuel told him that he had disobeyed God and would lose his kingdom.

When Samuel told Saul that the Lord would take away the kingdom from him, he did not mean that Saul should lose the kingdom at once. He was no longer God's king; and as soon as the right man in God's sight should be found, and should be trained for his duty as king, then God would take away Saul's power, and would give it to the man whom God had chosen. But it was years before this came to pass.

The Lord said to Samuel: "Do not weep and mourn any longer over Saul, for I have refused him as king. Fill the horn with oil and go to Bethlehem in Judah.

**There find a man named Jesse,
for I have chosen a king among his sons."**

But Samuel knew that Saul would be very angry, if he should learn that Samuel had named any other man as king. He said to the Lord:

"How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me."

The children of Israel were losing the battles against other nations such as the Philistines and other enemies and blamed it on Samuel's old age. They felt a new leader was in order. A king, like the other nations. A king they could see. A young man that would have skills for battle. Samuel was their leader, but he was a judge and not a battle warrior.

What caused this whole idea of a New King to be a bad idea?

TEENS / PRE-PRETEENS / YOUNG ADULTS

(Ages 10 thru 20)

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the people of Israel want another King when they had a King?
2. How were the Israelites being ruled - before the King was elected?
3. Who elected Saul to be King of Israel?
4. Were the people happy after the King was elected.
5. Who was Samuel?
6. How many years had the people been under the current rule at that time?
7. How many leaders had they had during this time?
8. Who is the walking dead man in this lesson?
9. Was Samuel persuaded to do something he did not want to do, BUT . . . ?
10. How was wisdom showed in this situation?

PROJECT

(5 points) (parents and children)

What did Saul do that caused God to take his Kingdom. See scriptures below, which event was first, which event left Saul with no more mercies?

1 Samuel 15 and 1 Samuel 28

CHILDREN

(Ages 5 thru 9)

(circle the correct answer)

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| 1) Samuel was a | King | Prophet | Judge | Seer |
| 2) Who chose Saul to be King | People | God | Angels | Samuel |
| 3) Who was the 1 st King of Israel | Samuel | Saul | Belial | Elder |
| 4) What was used to anoint someone | Water | Cream | Oil | Butter |
| 5) The new King was | Short | Ugly | Obedient | Tall |

PROJECT FOR CHILDREN

(parents and children)

1. Choose one child to be King
2. Dress this in Kings garments
3. Dress up a chair like in a Palace and have King to sit in it
4. The appointed King and the Parents make up some rules that the other kids will have to follow: Good (in the scriptures) and Bad)
5. Have the King to Tell the others about what they have to do
6. Allow the children to AGREE or DISAGREE with the King
7. When a child disagrees with something that has come straight from the word of God – have the King to say the scripture.

Example: Rule 3 – Do what your mother and father tell you to do. And if the student protest the King should say the bible says

Ephesians 6:2-3 “Honor your father and motherthat you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Video record it to show the kids later. It will be for fun and learning. Show it to the class. This will also be available for extra points.