

Large Group

Freedom From the Philistines

Bible Passage | 1 Samuel 7

Memory Verse | Philippians 4:19

Story Point | Samuel cried out to the Lord to save the Israelites.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

From Ruth to Samuel, we have learned how God sees people's needs and hears their cries for help. God provided for Ruth. He called Samuel. And last week, we learned how God showed His power as the one true God. Today, we will learn more about Samuel and how God used him to help the Israelites turn away from false gods and follow God's plan

Today's Lesson

The Israelites began to cry out for God. What did Samuel tell them to do? [Allow responses.] Samuel told God's people to repent of their sins and return to worshipping the one true God. The Israelites obeyed. They got rid of their statues and poles, and did just as Samuel instructed them. Samuel prayed to God on behalf of the Israelites, and they confessed their sins to God. Like the Israelites, God invites us to confess our sins to Him. When we do, God promises to forgive our sins.

While Israelites were gathered to confess their sin, the Philistines chose to attack. The Israelites begged Samuel to plead to God to save them in this battle. **Samuel cried out to the Lord to save the Israelites.** How did God fight for His people? [Allow responses.] God sent loud thunder to cause confusion among the Philistine soldiers. Because of God's help, the Israelites were finally free from the Philistines. Out of thankfulness to God, Samuel set up a large stone to help them remember how the Lord helped them in the battle.

As the leader of the Israelites, Samuel called the people to turn away from false gods and to worship God, and God gave them victory over their enemies. The Israelites were unable to save themselves from their enemies. God showed His love and care for His people by fighting for them in their time of need. What does God call us to turn away from? [Allow responses.] God calls us to turn away from sin and to trust in Jesus who gives us victory over our enemies of sin and death.

Gospel Discussion | Like the Israelites in today's story, you and I are unable to save ourselves. However, God gives us victory over the enemies of sin and death. By placing faith in Jesus, we can receive salvation and the gift of eternal life. Do you know what it means to turn away from your sin and trust in Jesus? I'd be happy to share more about following Jesus.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

1 Samuel 7:3-15

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.