NOVEMBER 1, 2026

1st Grade Lesson Plan

Saul Rescued Israel

Bible Passage | 1 Samuel 11-13
Memory Verse | Psalm 103:19
Story Point | Israel rejected God as King and chose Saul to be their king.

First Service

8:15 - 8:45
Check-ins and Playtime

8:45 - 9:15
Large Group

9:15 - 9:25
Small Group | 4 Questions

9:25 - 9:40
Snack with "Lollipops & Lemons" and Prayer Requests

9:40 - 9:55
Craft

9:55 - end
Playtime until Check-out

Second Service

10:30 - 11:00
Check-ins and Playtime

11:00 - 11:30
Large Group

11:30 - 11:40
Small Group | 4 Questions

11:40 - 11:55
Snack with "Lollipops & Lemons" and Prayer Requests

11:55 - 12:10
Craft

12:10 - end
Playtime until Check-out

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Check-ins & Playtime

8:15 - 8:45 \\ 10:30 - 11:00

Check-ins | Welcome families and receive kids as they are arrive. Remind the parents that their child's safety is our highest priority. For the safety of their child, we must see their Security Label at pick-up, and if their child needs them before the service ends, we will TEXT them.

Free Time | There are games and activity pages that go along with todays lesson available for the kids. Use this time to connect with the kids and help the kids connect with each other.

Large Group

9:45 - 9:15 \\ 11:00 - 11:30

Line up and go to the Worship Room for Large Group. The Large Group Leader and Worship Leader will be teaching the lesson leading worship.

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Volunteers PLEASE remember to

- Sit with your kids. Chairs are available if needed.
- Participate, listen, and engage with the lesson alongside your class
- Support the Large Group and Worship leaders by lovingly correcting your kids if necessary.

Small Group | 4 Questions

9:15 - 9:25 \\ 11:30 - 11:40

Line up, go back to your classroom, and sit on the carpet for Small Group.

Gather the kids together and ask these four questions and discus their answers.

- What did you like about todays story
- What did you find confusing about todays story?
- What did we learn about people?
- What did we learn about Jesus?

Snack with "Lollipops & Lemons" and Prayer Requests

9:25 - 9:40 \\ 11:40 - 11:55

Snack

- Work together to pass out a cup of Goldfish crackers (Chex are available for those who are gluten and dairy free), a cup of water, and a napkin to each child. Encourage them not to eat until after you have prayed.
- Pray, asking God to bless your time together and that you will all get to know Jesus more. Invite a child to pray for the food.
- Enjoy while...

"Lollipops and Lemons" & Prayer Requests

- While eating, ask your class if anyone had any "Lollipops" (good things that happened) or "Lemons" (bad things that happened) from this last week.
  - Lollipops - immediately thank God!
  - Lemons - immediately ask if someone would like to pray for their friend's "lemon." Model short, one-sentence prayers.

NOTE: This time gives kids a chance to learn that praying for someone is easy and doesn't have to sound fancy. There's power in their prayers too!

Craft

9:40 - 9:55 \\ 11:55 - 12:10

~~Saul Craft~~

Supplies:
- Crown Cutout Part A
- Crown Cutout Part B
- Heart cutout
- Coloring supplies
- Clear Glue
- Jumbo Craft Stick

Instructions:

1. **SAY | Saul was a good king sometimes, but he disobeyed God. Today we are going to make a crown puppet craft to remind us how Saul was king, but he didn't obey God.**
2. Pass out one crown cutout and coloring supplies Allow the kids to color,
3. Pass out the 2nd crown cutout and allow the kids to color.
4. Pass out the craft stick and the glue. Have the kids glue the backs of the crown cutouts together, with the craft stick in between the two. Make sure the end of the stick at the bottom is sticking out enough to hold onto, but not so far that it will fall out while drying.
5. Pass out the heart cutout. Allow the kids to color.
6. Glue the heart onto the crown that says "Saul defeated enemy armies for Israel but failed to obey God."

Free Time until Check-out

9:55 - end \\ 12:10 - end

Free Time

If time allows, allow the kids to play until their parents arrive.

Check-out

As kids are getting picked up, check each security label. If they lost their label come find the coordinator who will help verify the guardian.

Send each kid home with an Activity Page. Show the parent that there are activities they can do during the week to help disciple their kids at home.

Thank you 1st grade volunteers!