

Large Group

Saul Disobeyed God

Bible Passage | 1 Samuel 14-15

Memory Verse | Psalm 103:19

Story Point | God rejected Saul as king because he disobeyed God's commands.



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:

Saul became the first king of Israel when the people rejected God as their King. Samuel told the people they had sinned, but he also reminded them that God would not leave His people. God was with Saul and helped Saul fight Israel's enemies. Last week, we learned that Saul was a great warrior but chose to disobey God. Today, we will see how **God rejected Saul as king because he disobeyed God's commands.**

Today's Lesson

Saul again showed that he was a great warrior by defeating the Philistine and Amalekite armies. God was with Saul and gave him these victories. Before Saul went to fight the Amalekites, what specific instructions did God give Saul? [Allow responses.] God told Saul to destroy all the Amalekites and all of their animals. But Saul disobeyed God. Saul did not destroy everything like God commanded. He saved King Agog and the best animals.

Saul made the excuse that he saved the animals to sacrifice to the Lord. But did God accept this excuse? What was the consequence of Saul's disobedience? [Allow responses.] **God rejected Saul as king because he disobeyed God's commands.** God takes sin seriously. God will not accept excuses for our sin or ignore our disobedience. God will only take away our sin when we trust in Jesus, repent of our sin, and ask for forgiveness.

What did Samuel say was better than sacrifice? [Allow responses.] Samuel said 'to obey is better than sacrifice.' Even when we don't understand why God tells us to do something, we obey Him anyway because we trust His character. We know from the Bible that God always does what is right.

Saul disobeyed God's commands and was rejected as king. We all disobey God's commands when we sin. Only Jesus perfectly obeyed God at all times. When we believe in Jesus, we are made right with God and accepted by Him.

Gospel Discussion | The consequence of Saul's sin was for God to reject him as king. The ultimate consequence for sin is eternal death. But God loves us and made the way for us to be forgiven and made right with Him. When we trust Jesus as Savior, we are saved from sin and death. I'd love to answer any

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23 (perhaps just read vv 17-23)

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.