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Lesson 2: SAUL – THE 1ST KING OF ISRAEL (1st Samuel 11:20-24; 13:1-14; 15:1-31)

The Bible says that God chose Saul to be the first king of Israel. When the time came for the Israelites to meet their new king, no one could find Saul. The Lord told them to look among the baggage. The people ran to Saul, “Long live the King!”



The Israelites thought Saul would be a good king. But King Saul didn't obey God. One day King Saul took an army to fight the Philistines.

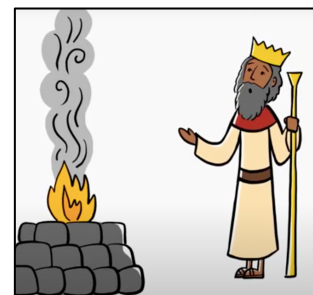


The Philistine army had more chariots, more soldiers and more horses than the Israelite army.



Samuel had told Saul that after 7 days he would come and offer a sacrifice asking God to help them.

But King Saul didn't wait for Samuel. King Saul offered the sacrifice himself, even though that was not the king's job.



As soon as the burnt sacrifice was finished, Samuel arrived. Samuel said, "What have you done? You disobeyed God. You will not be king much longer. God will choose someone obedient to be king."



Sometime later, the Israelites won a battle against the Amalekites. God told King Saul to destroy everything. But Saul disobeyed. He kept the very best animals alive. He even kept the Amalekite king alive.

When King Saul saw Samuel, he said, "I obeyed God!" Then Samuel said, "Then why do I hear the sound of the animals in my ears?" King Saul said, "I only saved the best animals to sacrifice to God." But Samuel said, "**It is better to obey than to sacrifice!**" Samuel had to kill the wicked Amalekite king himself.



King Saul admitted his sin. But he made excuses. "I listened to the people." He asked Samuel to forgive him and to worship with him. But Samuel knew that God had made up his mind – he would choose a new king. When he turned to leave, King Saul grabbed the edge of Samuel's robe and it tore. Samuel said, "The Lord has torn the kingdom away from you and will give it to someone who will be a better king."

THINK ABOUT THIS:



King Saul thought he didn't need to obey God. He thought offering a sacrifice to God was enough. We must also learn that it is better to obey! Is it ok if we keep disobeying God, but go to Church without a change of heart? Is that the way to please God?

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY KING SAUL DIDN'T OBEY GOD

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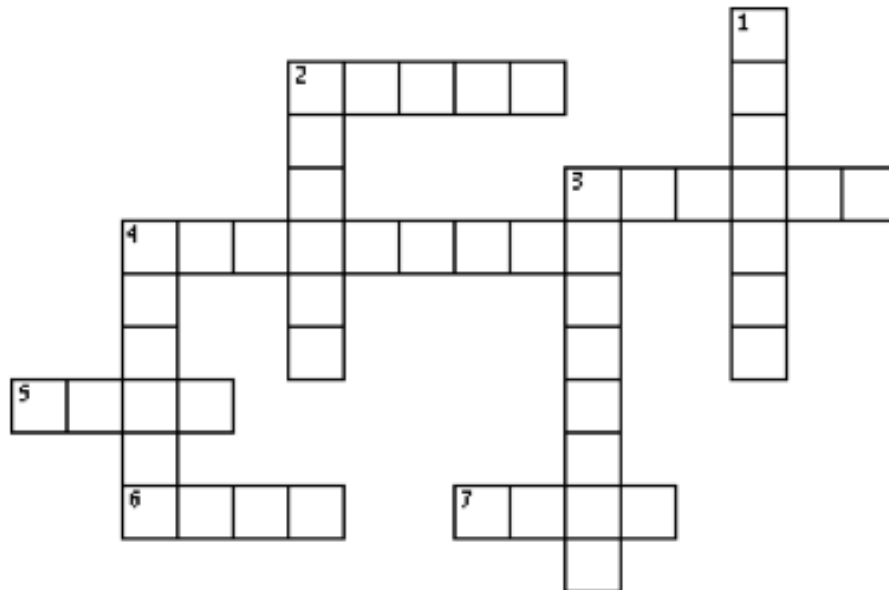
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UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

KING SAUL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use your Bible to find the answers.



- 3 ACROSS "Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 'I greatly _____ that I have set up Saul as king.'" **1 SAMUEL 15:10**
- 4 DOWN "Then _____ went to Saul, and Saul said to him, 'Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD.'" **1 SAMUEL 15:13**
- 2 ACROSS "But Samuel said, 'What then is this bleating of the _____ in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?' " **1 SAMUEL 15:14**
- 2 DOWN "And Saul said, 'They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people _____ the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God.'" **1 SAMUEL 15:15**
- 7 ACROSS "Why then did you not _____ the voice of the LORD?" **1 SAMUEL 15:19**
- 5 ACROSS "And _____ said to Samuel, 'But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD.'" **1 SAMUEL 15:20**
- 4 ACROSS Then Samuel said, "Behold, to obey is better than _____." **1 SAMUEL 15:22**
- 3 DOWN And Samuel also said, "Because you have _____ the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." **1 SAMUEL 15:23**
- 6 ACROSS "So Samuel said to him, 'The _____ has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.'" **1 SAMUEL 15:28**
- 1 DOWN "And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel _____ for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel." **1 SAMUEL 15:35**