

Mid-Week

CHALLENGES

week of 11/22

Complete these challenges during the week with your kids to reinforce the lesson from Sunday! Take pictures and post to social media using the hashtag **#TCCkidsathome** and tag us **@twocitieschurchws** so we can see what you're up to!

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1

Examine Oil

Pour several oils into individual bowls on a towel. Invite preschoolers to dip one finger into each bowl. Guide preschoolers to examine the oils by rubbing the oil on their fingers and smelling the oil. Ask them how the oil feels on their skin. Wipe hands when finished.

SAY: *In today's Bible story, Samuel anointed a man named Saul with oil. To anoint someone means to pour oil on him to show he is being set apart for a special purpose. Listen for the special purpose God had for Saul.*

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Fold Paper and Ask Questions

Provide various sized pieces of decorative paper. Encourage children to have fun folding paper. Give a child the freedom to fold paper in any way he chooses. Print and assemble the "Finger Origami" device. Show the device to a child and identify the four initial images pictured. Invite a child to select one. Spell the selected image, moving the device back and forth with each letter. Show the new choices and ask another child to make a selection. Continue moving the device back and forth each time a new word is chosen. Finally, open the origami and read the inner instructions aloud. Use the Bible to find 1 Samuel or the key passage. Retell parts of the story as a new word is selected.

SAY: *This is the word hide. When it was time for the people to meet their new king, Saul was hiding. Look at the word offering. Only the priests could make a sacrifice to God, but Saul didn't want to wait so he made the offering himself. **God's people wanted a king**, but God planned to be His people's King to rule over them. **Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.***

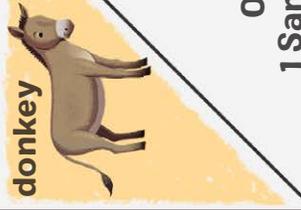
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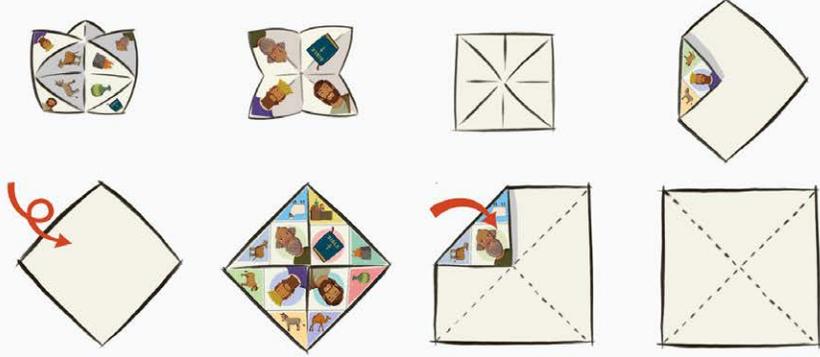
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Sort Animals

Set out a variety of toy animals and large bowls or bins. Identify animals as children play. Suggest a child sort the animals in various ways. Gather all the furry animals together or sort by size. Group animals that live in the ocean or on a farm. Point out sheep, goats, and cattle. Mention that these were the animals Saul said he saved to offer to the Lord.

SAY: *God's people wanted a king, but Saul was not a good king. He disobeyed God. Saul said he saved the Amalekites' best animals to offer to the Lord, but God had said to destroy everything. God cares more that we obey Him rather than offer Him sacrifices. Jesus obeyed God perfectly and offered Himself as a sacrifice so we can be forgiven. Jesus is King over everything!*

 <p>Saul</p>	 <p>donkey</p>	<p>Open a Bible to 1 Samuel to see where we read that God's people wanted a king.</p>	 <p>Jesus</p>
 <p>ox</p>	<p>Open a Bible to Jeremiah 10:6. Say the key passage together.</p>	<p>Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.</p>	 <p>camel</p>
 <p>sheep</p>	<p>Open a Bible to Jeremiah 10:6. Say the key passage together.</p>	<p>Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.</p>	 <p>hide</p>
 <p>Samuel</p>	<p>cow</p> 	<p>Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.</p>	 <p>offering</p> 



Finger Origami

Instructions: Print and cut out the square. Lay the square facedown on a hard surface. Use the folding illustrations as a guide to assemble the device. Use as directed in the leader guide.