

Dear Parents,

This week we are learning about Israel's first king. They wanted a king just like all the other nations around them even though God told them He was the real King.

OPENING ACTIVITY

Play a Copy Cat Game

Explain to preschoolers that you will perform actions and they should imitate or copy what you do. Perform one movement at a time that you know all the preschoolers in the room are capable of doing. Movements may include clapping hands, tapping toes, jumping, kicking, and spinning. Consider allowing preschoolers to take turns leading the group to copy their actions.

Say: Copying someone else's actions makes for a fun game, but sometimes copying others' actions is not a good idea, especially when they are doing something wrong. In today's Bible story, God's people wanted to copy the nations around them who had kings. God's people decided they wanted a king. This was not a good idea because God was their King. Listen to what happened.

WORSHIP

These songs are what we suggest for today's lesson. You can use these links or access them from the TCC Kids YouTube playlist. As always, do what works best for your family and use whatever songs you'd like to worship together!

- "He's the King", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdLGwuS_JXo
- "Higher than the Sky", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsEWjx_nneI
- "This Little Light of Mine", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlfYvzLlOZo>

BIBLE STORY

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 8-15

Main Point: God's people wanted a king like the nations around them.

Big Picture Question: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

Christ Connection God intended for a heavenly king to rule over Israel, but the Israelites did not trust God's plan and wanted a king like the nations around them. God gave them a king, but Saul did not obey God. God had a plan to send His Son, Jesus. King Jesus trusted and obeyed God perfectly and died so sinners could be forgiven and accepted.

PRAYER TIME

Spend some time as a family in prayer. Pray for your kids and pray out loud with your kids! Encourage them to pray and share with God what is on their hearts.

Say: Jesus, You are God the Son. You are King of everything. You obeyed God perfectly. You are different than earthly kings. Thank You for dying on the cross so we can be forgiven for our sin. Amen.

CRAFT/ACTIVITY

Shake a Scepter

Wrap an empty paper towel tube in foil and fill it with small beads. Tightly seal the ends of the tube with duct tape. Encourage children to take turns holding the scepter and shaking it. Talk about how a king uses a scepter.

Say: ***GOD IS GREATER THAN ANYTHING.** Saul was the first king of Israel. Later, God sent Jesus to be our Savior and King.*

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