

Volume 4: A Kingdom Provided

Unit 10: Samuel and King Saul



Despite all that God had done for Israel, God's people continued to rebel against Him. They demanded a king, going against God's plan and ignoring His warnings about how a king would rule them. God provided Israel's first king, Saul, to rule His people Israel. Christ, the final King, rules over all people as Savior.



Hannah and Samuel
1 Samuel 1-3

Week 1 (June 5) Hannah and Samuel

The Israelites had conquered the promised land of Canaan, but after Joshua's death, they fell into a cycle of sin. This was the culture in which Hannah and her husband Elkanah lived. One year, when Elimelech went to make sacrifices and worship God, Hannah went too. She could no longer hide her grief over being childless. She prayed fervently to the Lord and God answered Hannah's prayers. She named her son Samuel and he faithfully served God **1 Samuel 1-3**

Week 2 (June 12): The Ark Captured

The ark of God (also called "the ark of the covenant") was an important symbol in the lives of God's people. Not only was the ark the original container for the Ten Commandments, it symbolized God's presence with His people. When the Philistines captured the ark, God showed them that He is the one true God— that He is greater than their false gods. In fear, the Philistines returned the ark to God's people. **1 Samuel 4-6**



The Ark Was Captured
1 Samuel 4-6



Week 3 (June 19): Israel's First King

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. **1 Samuel 8-15**

Unit Memory Verse:

“No one is like you, Lord; you are great and your name is mighty in power.”
Jeremiah 10:6 NIV

Big Picture Question of the unit:

Is anything or anyone greater than God? No! God is greater than anything or anyone!

Important Dates:

- **Vacation Bible School June 20 - 24, 4:30-7:30**

Join us for VBS this summer! Children 3 years old (potty trained) through 5th Grade are invited to be a part of a time-traveling adventure as Doc and Perry teach us to trust God’s Word. We will learn about God’s creation (including the DINOSAURS!), sin entering the world, the flood and Jesus, and how we know we can trust the Bible. Dinner will be served from 4:30-5 each night! Register now at <https://fcchurch.org/event/vacation-bible-school/>