

**WEEK 4: 1 SAMUEL**  
**DAY 1: THE BOY SAMUEL**  
**1 Samuel 1 to 3**

1. The Old Testament has four kinds of books: Law, History, Poetry, and Prophecy. We have been looking at the Books of History. There are twelve of these books. The first three Books of History tell about the Rule of God. They are Joshua, Judges and Ruth.

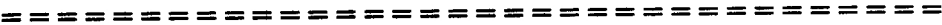
Why did God bless Ruth of Moab? \_\_\_\_\_



2. God blessed Ruth because she chose to follow Him. Now we shall begin learning about the second period of history. For five weeks we shall study about the Rule of Kings. We are still studying the Books of History. But we are studying a different period.

Books of History		
Period 1 Rule of God	Period 2 Rule of Kings	Period 3 Rule of Foreign Kings
(1) Joshua (2) Judges (3) Ruth	(4,5)1&2 Samuel (6,7)1&2 Kings (8,9)1&2 Chronicles	(10) Ezra (11) Nehemiah (12) Esther

What is the name of the second period, in which are the books of 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles? \_\_\_\_\_



3. The books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles are in the Rule of Kings. This week we will look at the book called 1 Samuel. This book tells about three important people. They are the prophet Samuel, King Saul and King David.

Today from the book of 1 Samuel we shall learn two things about Samuel as a boy.

- (1) Samuel was born in answer to prayer.
- (2) Samuel was called by God to serve Him.

Open your Bible now and read 1 Samuel 1:1 to 9.



4. You have read about Elkanah and his two wives. Peninnah had children but Hannah did not. It was not a happy home. Peninnah used to laugh at Hannah because she had no children. This made Hannah very sad. Hannah went to God with her sorrow.

1 Samuel 1:1:10-12:

She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. And She vowed a vow and said, "O Lord...if thou wilt give to thy maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord ...and she continued praying.

From these verses what was Hannah doing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Hannah was praying. She was asking God for a son. She went to God because of the problems in her home. Her first problem was that she had no children. Another problem was that Elkanah had taken a second wife. This made trouble for Hannah. The Bible shows that God's plan is for a man to have one wife.

Matthew 19:5-6 (taken from Genesis 2:24):

...For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one.

Think about Elkanah's home. Then think about a home you know where there is a second wife. Why do you think God planned for a man to have only one wife? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Be ready to talk about this in class. Hannah prayed about her problems. This is what we should do too. Read again what Hannah said to God.

1 Samuel 1:11:

And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of Hosts, if thou wilt..give to thy maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life.

From this verse, what was Hannah praying for? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Hannah was praying for a son. She promised to give him back to God. God wants us to give our children to Him. We should give them back to God for Him to use. Read how God answered Hannah's prayer.

1 Samuel 1:19-20:

...Elkanah knew his wife, and the Lord remembered her; and in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

From this verse who was born in answer to prayer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Samuel was born in answer to prayer. This is the first thing we learn about him from the Book of 1 Samuel. When Samuel grew up Hannah kept her promise to God. She gave him back to God to serve Him. She took him to Eli the High Priest at Shiloh.

1 Samuel 1:24-26:

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her ...and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh;...And she said (to Eli) "Oh My Lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed and the Lord has granted me my petition.

To whom did Hannah pray for a son? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Hannah prayed to the Lord. God answered her prayer. Samuel was born and Hannah gave him back to God. She took him to Shiloh to help Eli in the Tabernacle.

1 Samuel 2:11:

... And the boy ministered to the Lord, in the presence of Eli the priest.

1 Samuel 2:21:

... And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord.

From the book of 1 Samuel write the first thing we learn about Samuel as a boy.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Samuel was called by God to serve Him.

10. Samuel was born in answer to prayer. This is the first thing we learn about Samuel as a boy. The second thing we learn is: Samuel was called by God to serve Him. When Samuel was born, life in Israel was still like the time of the Judges. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Many people worshipped false gods. Even the priests sinned. They took God's part of the sacrifices. Even though evil was around Samuel, he was kept from sin.

1 Samuel 2:26:

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men.

Who do you think was with Samuel helping to keep him from sin? \_\_\_\_\_

11. God was with Samuel. God wanted Samuel to serve him. God had work for Samuel to do. We learned how God called men like Gideon and Samson to deliver Israel. God was preparing Samuel to deliver Israel from the Philistines. He would also use Samuel to bring the people back to Himself. But Samuel was not yet ready to serve God.

What book of History in the Old Testament tells about Samuel as a boy? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. 1 Samuel tells us about Samuel as a boy. Samuel was born in answer to prayer. This is the first thing we learn about him. The second thing we learn is that Samuel was called by God to serve Him.

In your Bible read 1 Samuel 3:1 to 10. In these verses, who was calling Samuel?

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13. It was the Lord. God Himself was calling Samuel. Samuel answered God's call. God had work for him to do. Samuel was now ready to hear how God wanted him to serve Him.

What is the first thing we learn about Samuel as a Boy?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Samuel was called by God to serve Him.

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14. Samuel was born in answer to prayer. You remember that his mother gave him to God. She wanted him to serve God in the Tabernacle. He worked with Eli, the High Priest. While Samuel was working in the tabernacle. God called him.

Why did God call Samuel? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Samuel was called by God to serve Him. This is the second thing we learn about Samuel as a boy. God spoke to Samuel many times. He often gave him messages for His people. The first message was for Eli, the High Priest. The message was that God would punish Eli's sinful sons. It was hard for a young boy like Samuel to give this message to Eli. However God told him to do it.

1 Samuel 3:18:

So Samuel told him (Eli) everything and hid nothing from him.

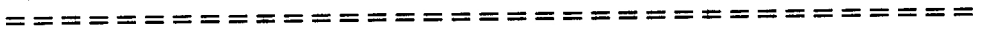
In which Book of History do we learn that God called Samuel to serve Him?

16. We learn this from the book of 1 Samuel. Samuel obeyed and gave the message from God. A person who received messages from God for other people was called a prophet. Tomorrow you will learn that Samuel served God as a prophet.

From the book of 1 Samuel what is the second thing we learn about Samuel as a boy?

(1) Samuel was born in answer to prayer.

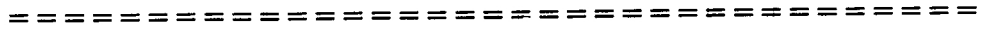
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17. Samuel was called by God to serve Him. God still speaks to His people today. He speaks through His word. Let us pray that we may be ready to listen when God speaks.

Juma is a 12-year-old boy in Kenya. He has received Christ as his Saviour. He reads his Bible and tries to obey it. Juma believes that God may be calling him to be a preacher some day.

If you were Juma's pastor what could you do to help him be sure of God's call?



18. Be ready to talk about this in class.

From the book of 1 Samuel, what two things do we learn about Samuel as a boy?

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 4: 1 SAMUEL**

**DAY 2: SAMUEL AS PROPHET, JUDGE AND PRIEST**

**1 Samuel 4 to 7.**

1. From the book of 1 Samuel, what two things do we learn about Samuel as a boy?

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Samuel was born in answer to prayer. Samuel was called by God to serve Him. Today we shall learn the three kinds of work that God gave Samuel to do:

- (1) The work of a prophet
- (2) The work of a judge
- (3) The work of a priest

In your Bible read 1 Samuel 3:19 to 21. From verse 20 what was one kind of work that Samuel was given?

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3. Samuel was given the work of a prophet. The people saw this. Because Eli's sons were so bad, God could not use them. God needed someone to give His message to Israel.

1 Samuel 3:1:

...And the word of the Lord was rare (or not often heard) in those days; there was no frequent vision (or message).

Who gave Samuel the work of a prophet? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. God gave Samuel this work. A prophet is a person who receives messages from God to give to others. God had many things to say to Israel. Sometimes it was a message of warning like the words to Eli. Sometimes it was a message of guidance, or a promise of blessing. In the Bible you read about the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Elijah.

In which Book of History in the Old Testament do we read about Samuel the Prophet?  
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5. We read about this in the book of 1 Samuel. God wanted Samuel to pass on his words to Israel. The Lord Himself gave His word to Samuel.

1 Samuel 3:21:

And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

What do we call a person who passes on God's messages to people? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. A person who passes on God's messages is a prophet. Samuel gave God's message to Israel. He was doing the work of a prophet.

1 Samuel 3:20:

And all Israel ... knew that Samuel was established (or chosen) as a prophet of the Lord.

Write the name of one prophet you know in the Old Testament besides Samuel

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7. There are many prophets in the Old Testament. Perhaps you wrote Elijah, or Elisha, or Isaiah or Daniel, or Jeremiah. All these men gave God's message to the people of Israel.

Write one kind of work that God gave Samuel to do.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) The work of a judge
- (3) The work of a priest

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8. God gave Samuel the work of a prophet. God also gave him the work of a judge and a priest.

In the book of 1 Samuel we read that Israel sinned again. God used the Philistines to punish them. The people repented. God was ready to raise up someone to deliver them.

Think carefully. From the book of Judges write the name of one judge whom God raised up to deliver His people. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. You may have written Gideon, or Samson, or Deborah, or some other judge. God used these judges to deliver His people. God would also use Samuel as a judge. Israel needed to be delivered from the Philistines. Israel had forgotten God. They had been worshipping false gods. Samuel knew the people must repent before God could help them. At last they did.

1 Samuel 7:2:

... and all the house of Israel lamented (or cried) after the Lord.

The second kind of work God gave Samuel was the work of a judge. Write the first.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) The work of a judge
- (3) The work of a priest

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10. The first kind was the work of a prophet. The second was the work of a judge. Samuel saw that Israel must repent before God could deliver them. They must put away the false gods.

1 Samuel 7:3:

Then Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your heart to the Lord, and serve Him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."

Who gave Samuel the work of a judge? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. God gave Samuel this work. Samuel would deliver God's people from the Philistines. But Samuel did not gather the army to fight. Read what he did.

1 Samuel 7:5-6:

Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you". So they gathered at Mizpah ... and said there, "We have sinned against the Lord." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah.

After praying with the people, what kind of work did Samuel do at Mizpah?

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12. Samuel did the work of a judge at Mizpah. This was the second kind of work God gave him to do. The third kind of work God gave him was the work of a priest. As a priest, Samuel offered sacrifices to God. The Philistines heard that Israel had gathered at Mizpah. They thought that Israel's army had gathered. So the Philistines went to fight against Israel. Israel was afraid.

1 Samuel 7:8:

And the people of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry to the Lord our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.

Whom did Israel ask to cry to the Lord for them? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. They asked Samuel to do this. The people had repented. Now Samuel could go to God for help. Samuel went in God's way. God's way was the way of sacrifice.

1 Samuel 7:9:

So Samuel took a sucking lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord; and Samuel cried to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord answered him.

Samuel offered a lamb as a sacrifice. When he did this was he doing the work of a judge, or of a priest? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Offering sacrifices to God was the work of a priest. Samuel did God's work in God's way. God honoured him and answered his prayer.

1 Samuel 7:10:

As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel; but the Lord thundered with a mighty voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion; and they were routed (or defeated) before Israel.

Samuel did the work of a priest. What other kinds of work did God give him to do?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) The work of a priest

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15. God gave Samuel the work of a prophet and a judge. The people knew that God was with Samuel. They went to him for help. This is what one man said about him.

1 Samuel 9:6:

Behold there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man that is held in honour; all that he says comes true.

Samuel was faithful in giving Israel messages from God. We shall see that his work as a prophet also meant anointing kings.

What is the third kind of Work God gave Samuel?

- (1) The work of a prophet
- (2) The work of a judge
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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16. God also gave him the work of a priest. Samuel was not the only prophet at that time. There were other prophets too.

1 Samuel 10:5:

...you will meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place (Shiloh, a place of worship) with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre (or things to make music) before them, prophesying.

1 Samuel 19:20:

... they saw the company of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them.

Perhaps Samuel started these groups of prophets. The prophets may have been trained in places like our Bible schools. We read about schools of prophets in the time of Elijah and Elisha.

What three kinds of work did God give Samuel to do?

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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17. God gave Samuel the work of a prophet, a judge and a priest. Samuel lived to be a very old man. He was a great man of prayer. God gave him work to do for Him. Samuel served God faithfully.

God still wants people to work for Him. What different kinds of work does God give men and women to do for Him today?  
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What work has God given you to do for Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Perhaps you wrote, the work of a pastor, or the work of an evangelist. There are many other kinds of work. Be ready to talk about this in class.

What three kinds of work did God give Samuel to do?

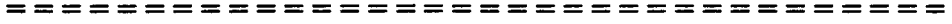
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**WEEK 4: 1 SAMUEL**  
**DAY 3: SAUL, THE KING OF ISRAEL**  
**1 Samuel 8 to 15**

1. This week we are beginning to study about the Rule of Kings. We have learned about Samuel as a boy. He was born in answer to prayer. He was called by God to serve Him.

What three kinds of work did God give Samuel to do?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_



2. God gave Samuel the work of a prophet, a judge, and a priest. We learn this from the book of History, 1 Samuel also tells us about King Saul and King David. Today we shall learn two things about King Saul from 1 Samuel.

- (1) Saul became the first king of Israel.
- (2) God rejected Saul as king because he disobeyed.

The book of 1 Samuel tells us about which period of history? \_\_\_\_\_



3. 1 Samuel tells about the period of history called the Rule of Kings. It is the second period of history. We learn that Saul became the first king of Israel. When Samuel became an old man he gave up his work as judge. He appointed his sons as judges in his place. But Samuel's sons were not like their father.

1 Samuel 8:3-5:

Yet his sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after gain (or money); they took bribes and perverted (or misused) justice. Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint for us a king to govern us like all the nations."

From these verses, what did the elders ask Samuel to do? \_\_\_\_\_



4. They asked Samuel to appoint a king for them. Israel wanted to have a king like other nations. They no longer wanted God to rule them. Up to this time God had ruled His people. God used leaders like Moses and Joshua to help Him. God also used judges like Gideon, Samson and Samuel.

What is the name of the period of history before the Rule of Kings? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. The first period of history is called the Rule of God. God never meant Israel to have any king but Himself. The people of Israel were God's chosen people and He wanted to rule them. But they asked for a king. Samuel was not pleased with their request. He prayed to God about it.

1 Samuel 8:7:

And the Lord said to Samuel ... they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

From this verse, who said that the people of Israel had rejected him when they asked for a king? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. When Israel asked for a king they were rejecting God. They no longer wanted God to rule over them as their King. They wanted to be like other nations. They sinned against God because they no longer trusted Him. God told Samuel to listen to the people's request. He also told Samuel to warn Israel that the kings would bring trouble.

A man called Saul would be their first king. God told Samuel to anoint Saul as king.

Take your Bible and read about this now in 1 Samuel 9:15 to 17.

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7. Saul was to be the first king of Israel.

1 Samuel 10:1:

Then Samuel took a vial (or bottle) of oil and poured it on his (Saul's) head and kissed him and said, "Has not the Lord anointed you to be prince over his people Israel?"

1 Samuel 10:24:

And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see whom the Lord has chosen? ... And all the people shouted "Long live the King."

In which Book of History do we learn about King Saul? \_\_\_\_\_

Over what nation was Saul anointed as King? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Saul became the king of Israel. We read about this in the book of 1 Samuel. After Saul became king, Samuel spoke to the people. He warned Israel and their king to be faithful to God.

1 Samuel 12:14-15:

... if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God, it will be well; but if you ... rebel against (or disobey) the commandment of the Lord, then the hand of the Lord will be against you and your king.

Did Israel have an earthly king before Saul? \_\_\_\_\_

What then did Saul become? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. He became their first king. God wanted to bless Saul. But He could not bless him unless he obeyed. In the beginning Saul obeyed God and ruled well. Then there came a time when he disobeyed. The Philistines were ready to attack Israel again. Saul gathered an army. Samuel promised to offer burnt offerings to God for them. Remember, God had given Samuel the work of a priest. Only priest could offer sacrifices.

1 Samuel 13:8-9:

He (Saul) waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel; but Samuel did not come... So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me and the peace offering." And he (Saul) offered the burnt offering.

Who became the first king of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Saul became the first king of Israel. This is the first thing we learn about him. But Israel's new king disobeyed God. He did the work that only a priest should do. When Samuel arrived he asked Saul what he had done.

1 Samuel 13:13-14:

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God ... But now your kingdom will not continue; ... you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

1 Samuel 15:23:

... Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.

Read this last verse again. Because King Saul disobeyed, what did God do to him?  
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11. God rejected Saul as a king. God would take the kingdom away from Saul. God rejected Saul as King because he disobeyed Him. This is the second thing we learn about him from the book of 1 Samuel.

Write the first thing.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) God rejected Saul as king because he disobeyed.

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12. Saul became the first king of Israel. This is the first thing we learn. Later God rejected him as king because he disobeyed. But God allowed him to continue to rule for some years.

Whose kingdom would God take away? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. God would take away Saul's kingdom. God rejected Saul as king because he disobeyed. This is the second thing we learn about King Saul in 1 Samuel.

Open your Bible now and read 1 Samuel 15:1 to 3.

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14. God commanded Saul to destroy the Amalekites completely. He should kill all the people and the animals. Now read what Saul did.

1 Samuel 15:7-9:

And Saul defeated the Amalekites...But Saul and the people spared (or saved) Agag (King of the Amalekites) and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and fatlings, and lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them.

Saul saved Agag and the sheep and oxen. What had Saul done to God's command?  
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15. Saul disobeyed God's clear command. Saul had failed again. But Saul blamed the people.

1 Samuel 15:15:

Saul said "... the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

1 Samuel 15:22:

And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Write the second thing we learn about King Saul from the book of 1 Samuel.

(1) Saul became the first king of Israel.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Saul became the first King of Israel. God rejected Saul as king because he disobeyed. Saul began well and God blessed him. Then he sinned by disobeying God. God had to punish him.

Think how you could use this story to help the young people of your church. On another paper write down the big things you could say. Your subject might be, The Danger of Disobeying God. Teach this lesson if you can. Bring your paper to class for others to see.

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17. What two things do we learn about King Saul from the book of 1 Samuel?

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**WEEK 4: 1 SAMUEL**

**DAY 4: DAVID, A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART**

**1 Samuel 16 to 18**

1. We are studying the period of history called the Rule of Kings. Six books tell about this period. They are 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings and 1&2 Chronicles.

What two things do we learn about King Saul from 1 Samuel?

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2. Saul became the first king of Israel. God rejected him as king because he disobeyed. Today we begin to learn about David. We will learn three things about David from the book of 1 Samuel.

- (1) He was anointed the second king of Israel.
- (2) He was a man after God's own heart.
- (3) God was with him.

In your Bible read 1 Samuel 16:1 to 7.

Write the name of the period of history. \_\_\_\_\_

Which books of history tell about this period? (4,5) \_\_\_\_\_

(6,7) \_\_\_\_\_ (8,9) \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The second period of history is called the Rule of Kings. 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, and 1&2 Chronicles tell about this period. Many kings ruled over Israel during this period. After God rejected Saul, another king had to be found. Samuel was very sad when Saul failed as king. Then Samuel got another message from God.

1 Samuel 16:1:

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve (or be sad) over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse, the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

From this verse, who was choosing the second king of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The Lord knew who would be Israel's second king. But Samuel did not yet know whom God has chosen. Samuel went to the house of Jesse as God told him. Jesse called his sons. When Samuel saw the eldest son, he thought he would be chosen.

1 Samuel 16:7:

But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Samuel saw how the young man looked. But from this verse, what does God look at?  
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5. God looks at the heart. God was looking for a man after his heart to be king. Samuel would have chosen the eldest son. He was big and strong. But God did not choose him. Seven sons of Jesse passed before Samuel. But God did not choose any of them. One son remained. It was David, the youngest. Jesse had not thought of calling him. David was caring for his father's sheep.

1 Samuel 16:12:

And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

Who would be anointed as Israel's second king? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. David would be anointed king of Israel.

1 Samuel 16:13:

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

Saul was the first king of Israel. What was David anointed as? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. David was anointed as the second king of Israel. This is the first thing we learn about David. The second thing we learn is: David was a man after God's own heart. Read what God had already said about this second king of Israel.

1 Samuel 13:14:

... the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart; and the Lord has appointed him to be prince (or king) over his people.

From this verse, what kind of king did God look for? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. The kind of king God wanted was a man after His own heart. He saw that Jesse's youngest son was a man like this. He told Samuel to anoint him.

In which Book of History do we read this? \_\_\_\_\_

Write the name of the second king of Israel. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. In 1 Samuel we read that David was a man after God's own heart. This is the second thing we learn about David. To be a man after God's heart means to want what God wants. It means to be the kind of man God wants.

What is the first thing we learn about David from 1 Samuel?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) He was a man after God's own heart.
- (3) God was with him.

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10. David was anointed the second king of Israel. He was a man after God's own heart. He loved and trusted God. God had been preparing David even when he cared for sheep. At that time he learned to play the harp. He sang praises to God. We can read many of David's songs in the book of Psalms. Psalm 23 shows us David's complete trust in God.

Take time now to read Psalm 23.

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11. David was still very young. God was not yet ready for him to be king. Saul still ruled Israel. But we read that the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him. Instead an evil spirit troubled him. He needed someone to play music to quiet him. David was asked to come to Saul's house and serve him.

What is the second thing we learn about David from the book of 1 Samuel?

- (1) David was anointed the second king of Israel.
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) God was with him.

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12. David was anointed the second king of Israel. David was a man after God's own heart. The third thing we learn about David is that God was with him. Read what one of Saul's servants said about David.

1 Samuel 16:18:

... "Behold I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skilful in playing, a man of valour (or courage), a man of war, prudent (or careful) in speech, and a man of good presence (or actions); and the Lord is with him."

From this verse who was with David? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. The Lord was with David. This is the third thing we are learning. Remember what happened when David was anointed king. Then read what David said about himself.

1 Samuel 16:13:

... the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

Psalm 16:8:

I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

From what book of History are we learning that God was with David?

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14. We are looking at the book of 1 Samuel. It tells about the Rule of Kings. God helped David in many ways. He helped him kill a lion and a bear. God also helped him kill the big Philistine man, Goliath.

From the book of 1 Samuel what is the third thing we learn about David?

- (1) He was anointed the second king of Israel.
- (2) He was a man after God's own heart.
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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15. God was with David. God was preparing David to be king over Israel. After killing Goliath, David served in Saul's army. God gave him victory over Israel's enemies.

1 Samuel 18:5:

And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him.

1 Samuel 18:14:

And David had success in all his undertaking; for the Lord was with him.

From the book of 1 Samuel what are the first two things we learn about David?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) God was with David.

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16. David was anointed the second king of Israel. He was a man after God's own heart. The book of 1 Samuel tells about the Rule of Kings. We learned two things about Saul from this book. He became the first king of Israel. God rejected him because he disobeyed. But David was different.

What is the third thing we learn about David from 1 Samuel? \_\_\_\_\_

17. God was with David. He was a man after God's own heart.

Onyango read about David in the book of 1 Samuel. He wanted to be like him. Onyango wanted to be a man after God's own heart. He studied God's word. Onyango found these words of Jesus in the New Testament.

Matthew 28:20:

... I am with you always.

John 14:16-17:

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit ... you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

Onyango trusted God to live in him every day. He trusted God to make him the kind of person God wants.

Do you want to be like David and like Onyango? \_\_\_\_\_ Ask God to help you be like this kind of man or woman.

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18. From the book of 1 Samuel, what three things do we learn about David?

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**WEEK 4: 1 SAMUEL**

**DAY 5: DAVID WAS LOVED BY JONATHAN**

**1 Samuel 18 to 31**

1. We are learning about the Rule of Kings in 1 Samuel. We have learned about Saul, the first king of Israel. We have also learned about David.

From the book of 1 Samuel, what three things do we learn about David?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. David was anointed the second king of Israel. He was a man after God's own heart. God was with him.

We shall finish looking at the book of 1 Samuel today. We have learned about three important people: Samuel, Saul and David. This book also tells us about Jonathan, Saul's son. Today we shall learn how Saul and Jonathan treated David after he was anointed king.

- (1) Jonathan loved David.
- (2) Saul tried to kill David.

In your Bible read 1 Samuel 18:1 to 9. Read verse 1 again. Whose soul was knit to the soul of David? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. This was Jonathan. Saul was the first king of Israel. Jonathan was his son. We first hear of Jonathan when he defeated the Philistines at Geba. Saul had put Jonathan in charge of 1,000 men. He was a brave soldier. He trusted God. One day Jonathan and his helper went out to fight. They surprised the Philistines. The Lord gave Jonathan the victory.

What three important people besides Jonathan have we read about in 1 Samuel?

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4. We read about Samuel, Saul and David. We also read about Saul's son, Jonathan. After David killed Goliath, Jonathan helped to defeat the Philistines. At this time Saul sent for David and talked to him. Jonathan was there listening.

1 Samuel 18:1:

When he (David) had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

From this verse, who did Jonathan love? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Jonathan loved David. He loved him because of his courage and because God was with him. You remember that David was anointed king when he was very young. Saul did not know this. He expected his son, Jonathan to be the next king. After David killed Goliath read what Jonathan did.

1 Samuel 18:3-4:

Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his girdle.

From this verse, what made Jonathan give all these things to David? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Jonathan loved David. This made him give his special things to David. Later Jonathan knew that David would be king. He still loved him. He helped David through many difficult times.

Who was anointed king when he was still a young boy? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. David was anointed king when he was still a boy. Saul, Jonathan's father, had disobeyed God. God said He would take Saul's kingdom away from him. While Saul was still king, David came to serve in the king's house. Then David was made head of Saul's army. God was with David and gave him many victories. That is when the women sang that Saul killed thousands and David ten thousands. This made Saul angry. He looked at David with jealousy from that day on.

But was Jonathan jealous of David? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jonathan feel about David? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Jonathan was not jealous of David. He loved David. It was Saul who was jealous. Read what he tried to do.

1 Samuel 18:10-11:

And on the morrow an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul cast the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall."

What did Saul try to do to David? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Saul tried to kill David. He tried to pin him to the wall. But God protected him. Then Saul tried another way to kill David. He said that David could marry his daughter Michal. But David must go and kill 100 Philistines for Saul. Saul thought that David would be killed as he tried to do this. Instead David killed 200 Philistines.

Saul tried to kill David. Who loved David? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Jonathan loved David. Saul tried many ways to kill him. He even told Jonathan and his servants to kill David. But Jonathan warned him.

1 Samuel 19:2-4:

And Jonathan told David, "Saul my father seeks to kill you; therefore take heed to yourself in the morning, stay in a secret place and hide yourself... and Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant David."

Why do you think Jonathan did not want David to be killed? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Perhaps you said, he loved him. Or he knew David would be king. Jonathan pleaded with his father not to kill David. Saul listened to Jonathan. He promised that he would not kill David. But Saul became jealous again and forgot his promise. Again he tried to kill David. Again David escaped. Saul even sent servants to David's house to kill him. But David's wife, Michal, helped him to escape.

Read 1 Samuel 19:18-20. These verses tell where David hid from Saul. With whom did David stay? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. David found a safe place with the prophet Samuel. Samuel took him to Naioth where there was a school for prophets. God protected David. Read what David wrote at this time.

Psalm 59:1-2:

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God, protect me from those who rise up against me, deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men.

How did Saul treat David? Did he love him or try to kill him? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did Jonathan feel about David? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Saul tried to kill David. Jonathan loved David. He was his friend. Jonathan helped David during these difficult times. He talked with him and encouraged him. He warned him of the dangers. Jonathan protected David against his father, Saul. When Jonathan did this Saul even tried to kill his own son Jonathan.

Who was anointed to be king after Saul? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Book of History tells us this? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. David was anointed to be king after Saul. The book of 1 Samuel tells us this. Saul tried to kill David, but Jonathan loved him. Jonathan was very sad when David had to go away and hide. For a while David lived in the Cave of Adullam. 400 brave men came to help him. David had to be very careful. He had to keep away from Saul.

We too have an enemy called Satan. We need to keep away from him. Read what Peter said.

1 Peter 5:8-9:

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary (or enemy) the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour (or eat). Resist him, firm in your faith.

Have you had a difficult time lately? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you felt the devil near you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ You may help another class member if you will tell about this in class.

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15. David trusted God to deliver him from Saul. David knew that one day he would become king. Twice David had a chance to kill Saul. The first time he cut off a piece of Saul's clothes. The second time he took Saul's spear and a jar of water. This showed that he had been near enough to kill Saul. But he refused to do this.

1 Samuel 24:6:

... The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord (Saul), the Lord's anointed .

After David was anointed king, how did Jonathan feel towards him? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Saul treat David? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Jonathan loved David. Saul tried to kill him. Saul was David's enemy. Jonathan was David's friend. Good friends are a gift from God. It was not easy for Jonathan to be David's friend. Sometimes he had to protect David from his father, King Saul. But Jonathan was a true friend.

Sometimes we sing a song that says, the best friend to have is Jesus. Write some reasons why Jesus is our best friend. \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a good friend to others? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you be a friend like Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Be ready to talk about these answers in class.

After David was anointed king, how did Jonathan feel towards him? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Saul treat David? \_\_\_\_\_