

# DAVID

A man after  
God's Heart



## Lesson 1: Israel Demands a King

Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours **prior** to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 1 Samuel 8-10 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 9-13 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and TIME YOURSELF! Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. TIME TO TEACH!!! Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

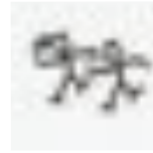
### TEACHER'S TIP

*The more passionate you are with sharing the message, the more engrossed the children will be with what you say.  
Speak with conviction!*

## Story Outline Lesson 1: Israel Demands a King

1. **Introduction:** Do you insist on having your own way?  
**LINK:** The Bible talks about a group of people who thought they knew what was best. Would God let them have their own way?
2. Samuel's dishonest sons were made judges over Israel.  
**LINK:** Samuel's two sons wanted to do things their own way instead of God's way. You and I are a lot like Samuel's sons. We are born wanting our own way.  
**GOSPEL BOOKMARK**
3. The elders of Israel asked Samuel to appoint a king over them.  
**LINK:** Did you know that even today, God's people often refuse to let Him direct their lives? If you have believed on the Lord Jesus by receiving Him as your Savior, you are to give God first place in your life.  
**GROWTH BOOKMARK #1**
4. God told Samuel to grant their request, but also warn them of the consequences.
5. Samuel warned the people, but they insisted on a king, so God gave them a king.  
**LINK:** This was not God's best way for His people. God's best way is always for Him to have first place. If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior from sin, God wants you to give Him first place in your life.  
**GROWTH BOOKMARK #2**
6. Kish of the tribe of Benjamin sent his son Saul to search for his lost donkeys. Saul sought out the man of God for direction.
7. God revealed to Samuel that Saul was His chosen one to be king.
8. Samuel invited Saul to eat with him, telling him that God had chosen him.
9. Samuel privately anointed Saul as king over Israel, then sent Saul home, telling him of three signs that would confirm God's calling.
10. The promised signs came to pass, confirming what Samuel had said. Samuel gathered the people to announce the new king, later revealing the hidden Saul.
- 11: **CLIMAX:** The people rejoiced! They got their own way - they had a new king.  
**LINK:** Samuel knew this was not the best way. It could only lead to sorrow and trouble for them. If you have believed on the Lord Jesus, remember that God's best for you is to give Him first place in your life.  
**GROWTH BOOKMARK #3**
12. **INVITATION BOOKMARK**

# GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



## Eph. 5:17

### Israel Demands a King: Lesson 1

#### Note to Teachers:

**Remember:** *simply telling a Bible story - no matter how animated and alive you make the story - is not enough. You must TEACH truths to the children through the application points found on these bookmarks. These applications allow the children to take the story and APPLY it to their lives, which is the REASON you are teaching them a LESSON, not a story. When you isolate these application points away from the story, children are not likely to pay attention or grasp the importance of these truths. However, when you weave these points WITHIN an exciting story, children can make connections and identify with the main character(s), thus enabling them to apply these teachings to their lives. DON'T neglect the teachings on these bookmarks: this is the MEAT of your lesson!!*

**LINK:** Did you know that even today, God's people often refuse to let Him direct their lives? **If you have believed on the Lord Jesus** by receiving Him as your Savior, you are to give God first place in your life.

1. To give God first place means that you allow Him to guide your decisions, doing only what you know would please Him.
2. Perhaps you have given that place to someone or something else without even realizing it. You may let other people rule your life.
3. Maybe you allow your friends to guide the decisions you make, like going places that please them instead of pleasing God.
4. Maybe you let TV or sports rule your life. You allow those things to decide how you will spend your time instead of asking God what He wants you to do.
5. Or maybe you try to rule your own life! When you selfishly decide to do or say what pleases you instead of what pleases God, you have taken that special place in your life that only God deserves.
6. It is a very serious mistake to allow any person or thing to take the place of God in your life! When you allow that to happen, it will be easy for you to get away from God's perfect plan for you.
7. **QUOTE Ephesians 5:17** with the children.

**LINK:** It would be foolish to not let God rule in your life. How foolish it was for the people of Israel to reject God's rule in their lives!

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## GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



### Eph. 5:17

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**LINK:** This was not God's best way for His people. God's best way is always for Him to have first place. **If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior** from sin, God wants you to give Him first place in your life.

1. When you are tempted to allow other things or people to take first place instead of God, you need to stop and think about all that God has done for you.
2. Remember that He has saved you from your sin and that you belong to Him. He has a right to direct your life.
3. Think about what will happen if you allow other things to take first place. If friends are first in your life, they may encourage you to do things that will hurt your testimony for the Lord.
4. If activities like TV or sports are first in your life, they may crowd out the time you could spend serving the Lord and getting to know Him better.
5. If YOU are first place in your life, your decisions will be selfishly made and will not bring honor and glory to God.
6. **Ask God to give you the "want-to"** to put Him first. The Bible says:
7. **QUOTE Ephesians 5:17** with the children.

**LINK:** If you are wise, you will put God first in your life. That is His will for you. Putting God first is always the best way for His people.

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## GOSPEL BOOKMARK



### Rom. 5:8

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**LINK:** Samuel's two sons wanted to do things their own way instead of God's way. You and I are a lot like Samuel's sons. We are born wanting our own way.

1. When we go our own way, we are breaking God's rules. God calls this sin. **Sin is anything we think, say, or do that makes God unhappy or breaks God's laws.**
2. Our sinful desires **separate** us from God and cause us to do sinful things like **lying, hitting,** and **disobeying** our parents or teachers.
3. Even though we **ALL** have sinned and deserve punishment for our sins: separation from God, God still **loves** you and me!
4. God, your **creator**, made a way for you to be forgiven from your sin. Because God is **holy** and perfect and cannot accept sin, He sent His **perfect Son** Jesus to earth.
5. Jesus came from Heaven to **die** on the cross for your sins and mine. Jesus **bled** and died on the cross to **take the punishment** you and I deserve.
6. God's Word says, (**READ ROM. 5:8**).
7. Jesus came **alive again** to prove that the payment for your sin was complete. Now you can believe on the Lord Jesus and ask Him to forgive you and be saved from sin's punishment!

**LINK:** Your life can be changed so you no longer have to do things your own way instead of God's way! Samuel's sons were doing things their own way and they weren't interested in being changed.

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## GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



### Eph. 5:17

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**LINK:** Samuel knew this was not the best way. It could only lead to sorrow and trouble for them. If you have believed on the Lord Jesus, remember that God's best for you is to give Him first place in your life.

1. When you are tempted to allow other things to take over that special place where only God belongs, will you stop and think about all that God has done for you?
2. Remember our memory verse from today:
3. **QUOTE Eph. 5:17** with the children.
4. Don't be foolish like the people of Israel, but understand that God's will for you is that you be a person after His own heart, giving Him first place in your life.
5. If you have been allowing other things to have first place, confess that sin to God. **Ask Him to help keep Him first.**
6. Come back next week and share with me how God helped you keep Him first in your life!

**LINK:** God cannot be first in your life until you believe on Him as your Savior from sin.

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*(NOTE: when several bookmarks use the same verse (such as Eph. 5:17) you don't have to put the bookmark in that same place. You can spread them throughout your Bible, and use the Memory Verse visual as the children say the verse with you.)*

## INVITATION BOOKMARK



### Romans 10:13

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**LINK:** God cannot be first in your life until you believe on Him as your Savior from sin.

1. **REVIEW:** If you are willing to admit to God that you have sinned, and you believe that the Lord Jesus suffered and died to take the punishment for your sin and came alive again, YOU can be saved today!
2. **READ VERSE:** Acts 16:31
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** You **CALL** on God by talking to Him in prayer. You must agree with God that you are a sinner, telling Him you are sorry for your sins.  
  
**TELL** Him that you **BELIEVE** with all your heart that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and came alive again. He will forgive you and He will change your life and make it different - no matter what you've done or what others think about you.  
  
Will you call on the Lord Jesus to save you today?
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can be God's child, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.

*\*Please never do a repeat after me prayer as it is written in the book on page 13. Always ask the children for a response, separate them from the group, and do counseling with them individually, asking them questions and making sure they understand what they are saying to God.*