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A man after God's Heart



Lesson 2: Saul's Disobedience

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

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 1 Samuel 12:1-25; 13:1-14; 15:1-35 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 16-20 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

Have someone videotape you teaching the children, and pay close attention to your own mannerisms, number of times you say "umm" or pauses, then use that to improve your teaching ability!

Story Outline Lesson 2: Saul's Disobedience

1. **Introduction:** If you are asked to do something, how much of it do you need to do before you can say, "I did it!"
LINK: Israel's new king, Saul, would soon have his first test of obedience to God. Would he pass the test?
 2. Samuel reminded the people of their sin, and they repented. Samuel assured them if they obeyed God, they would be preserved.
 3. Saul's disobedient offering of a sacrifice brought swift rebuke from Samuel, who told Saul that God would remove the kingdom from his family.
 4. Samuel told Saul of God's command to completely destroy the wicked Amalekites.
LINK: Because God is pure and holy - separate from sin - He must punish sin. You and I are also born with sinful hearts that cause us to do sinful things.
- GOSPEL BOOKMARK**
5. Saul destroyed the Amalekites but kept the king and best animals alive.
LINK: God would have helped him to be strong if only Saul had asked him! But Saul was more interested in doing things his way. If you know Jesus as your Savior, you need to seek God's strength when you're tempted to disobey.
- GROWTH BOOKMARK #1**
6. God told Samuel of Saul's disobedience, bringing sorrow to Samuel's heart.
 7. Saul proudly built a monument to himself to celebrate his victory, and he told Samuel that he HAD obeyed God's command.
 8. Samuel confronted Saul about his lack of complete obedience, and Saul blamed the people for keeping the animals.
 9. Samuel explained to Saul the importance of complete obedience to God.
LINK: Saul should have asked God for strength to obey completely. If you know Jesus as your Savior, seek God's strength when you're tempted to disobey.
- GROWTH BOOKMARK #2**
10. Saul insincerely confessed his sin to Samuel.
 11. **CLIMAX:** With deep sadness, Samuel said to Saul, 'Because you have rejected the Lord's Word, He has rejected you as king.'
 12. Samuel killed King Agag, then parted from Saul.

LINK: Samuel continued to grieve and pray for this proud king who refused to seek God's strength to obey. If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, will you decide to seek God's strength when you're tempted to disobey?

GROWTH BOOKMARK #3

INVITATION BOOKMARK

GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



James 4:17

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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: God would have helped him to be strong if only Saul had asked him! But Saul was more interested in doing things his way. **If you know Jesus as your Savior**, you need to seek God's strength when you're tempted to disobey.

1. There are times when you and I are tempted to do only part of what God says.
2. For example, in the Bible God says we are to speak the truth. Do you ever purposely tell only half the truth? Perhaps you tell your parents you did your homework at school, when you know you only did part of it.
3. God says you are to obey your parents. Maybe you tell your Mom and Dad you cleaned your room, but you just pushed everything under your bed.
4. God says to love your enemies. Do you show love only to people who do nice things for you?
5. When God gives a command, **He expects His children to obey**. Our memory verse says,
6. **QUOTE JAMES 4:17 with the children.**
7. When you know what God wants you to do but deliberately disobey, you sin. It's not always easy to obey completely.

LINK: You need to ask for God's strength to help you. If only Saul had asked God for strength to obey! But he didn't.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



John 15:5

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LINK: Saul should have asked God for strength to obey completely. **If you know Jesus as your Savior, seek God's strength when you're tempted to disobey.**

1. Remember our memory verse says:
2. **QUOTE JAMES 4:17** with the children.
3. If you are to be a person after God's heart, which means, someone who follows God's commands, He expects your complete obedience.
4. You may not always feel like doing what God says. When that happens, **ask God to give you the strength and the "want-to"** to obey Him!
5. In fact, you can't please God with your obedience at all unless He enables (helps) you.
6. The Bible says (**READ John 15:5**).
7. Be careful to listen to God's commands, then count on His strength to help you obey Him.

LINK: After you've obeyed, don't forget to thank Him for helping you! King Saul should have asked God for strength to obey completely.

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GOSPEL BOOKMARK



1 John 1:7

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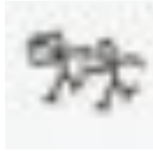
LINK: Because God is pure and holy - separate from sin - He must punish sin. You and I are also **born with sinful hearts** that cause us to do sinful things.

1. That is why you get angry and pout when you can't have your own way, and why you disobey your parents and teachers.
2. Those things are called sin, and **sin is anything you think, say, or do that makes God unhappy.**
3. **You and I** deserve to be **punished** for our sin, and that punishment is to be separated from God forever, like it says in Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death" (separation from God).
4. But God, who **created** you, **loves** you too!
5. God sent his **perfect Son**, Jesus, to take the **punishment** for your sin and mine. Because Jesus is perfect like God is perfect, He was the **ONLY** one who could take the punishment for your sin.
6. Jesus was beaten and put on the cross where He gave His **blood** for you as He died. The Bible says:
7. **READ 1 JOHN 1:7 from the Bible.**
8. Jesus was **buried**, but three days later He **rose** again from the dead! When you believe on the Lord Jesus, putting your trust in what He has done for you, He will save you from the punishment for your sins.

LINK: God is pure and holy so He must punish sin. The Amalekites refused to believe in God and God had promised punishment.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



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LINK: Samuel continued to grieve and pray for this proud king who refused to seek God's strength to obey. **If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior**, will you decide to seek God's strength when you're tempted to disobey?

1. Being a person after God's heart means obeying God completely.
2. This week if you're tempted to do only part way something God wants you to do, remember what our memory verse says:
3. **QUOTE JAMES 4:17 with the children.**
4. Don't sin by deliberately disobeying God. Stop and ask God for the strength and the "want-to" to obey completely.
5. Then count on His strength as you obey. And remember to thank Him for His help.
6. **CHALLENGE:** Next week you can share with us how God gave you strength to obey Him.

LINK: The first step in obeying God is to trust the Lord Jesus to be your Savior from sin.

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John 5:24

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LINK: The first step in obeying God is to trust the Lord Jesus to be your Savior from sin.

1. **REVIEW:** Remember, you and I deserve to be punished for our sin, but because Jesus took our punishment, we can be forgiven.
2. **READ VERSE:** John 5:24
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** If you **BELIEVE** what God's Word says about your sin and about how Jesus died and rose again for you, you can have everlasting life, and instead of being punished by being separated from God, you can live forever with God and Jesus in heaven!

All you have to do is **Admit** your sins to God, **Believe** Jesus died on the cross for your sin, and **Call** (pray) and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.
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.