

ISRAEL WANTS A KING

HIGHLIGHTS:

This week your child learned that Israel wanted a king. The Israelites asked Samuel for a king, but Samuel told the Israelites they would be sorry if they had a king. The Lord was their King. Samuel told them a king would take their sons and daughters and their land. Even though God had always taken care of them, the Israelites didn't trust God's plan. They wanted to do things their own way. They wanted a king! The Lord assured Samuel it was not him they were rejecting, it was the Lord. God told Samuel to give them a king. So with the Lord's direction, Samuel anointed Saul and said he would be the leader of the Israelites. For a time, Saul was a good, obedient king. However, Saul disobeyed the Lord and God rejected him as king. (1 Samuel 8-11 & 15)

K IS FOR KING:

On a piece of construction paper help your child write a large "K". Let your child decorate the "K" by adding a crown at the top and eyes, nose, mouth and a mustache to turn the "K" into a King. Talk about how Israel wanted a king and how God wants to be our King.

As your child decorates their "K", ask these questions:

1. Did the Israelites trust God?
2. Did God give them what they wanted?
3. What happened when the Israelites didn't listen and obey God?

GOD'S WAY GAME:

This game is played like Red Light/Green Light. Have your child line up at one end of the room while you stand at the other end. When you say something that shows God's way, have your child take 3 steps or hops forward.

Examples:

- You share a cookie with a friend.
- Noah obeyed God and built the ark.
- You pick up your toys when your mom tells you to.
- You eat all the cookies before your friend gets one.
- You practice your memory verse.

GOD'S WAY CHART:

Create a simple chart to hang in your house, perhaps in the kitchen or in your child's bedroom where they can see it. Grab some crayons or stickers and let them decorate it however they want. Throughout the day or week, whenever your child chooses God's way, let them put a sticker on the chart. Once the chart is full, give them a special treat for choosing God's way.