



# The Israelites Wanted a King

1 Samuel 8–10

## **Bible Story Summary:**

Samuel made his two sons judges over God's people. Even though God promised to lead the Israelites, the leaders of Israel still wanted a king like the other nations. God chose a tall and impressive man named Saul to be the king of Israel.

## **Review Questions:**

- Why did the Israelites want a king?
- Why were the people excited about Saul as king?



# Saul Rescued Israel

1 Samuel 11–13

## **Bible Story Summary:**

Israel had enemies from other nations. The Spirit of God came on Saul, and he gathered an army to fight the Ammonites. King Saul defeated them, and the people were glad he was king. But Samuel was worried. He warned God's people to always listen to God and do what is right. Saul grew impatient and disobeyed God by offering the burnt offering.

## **Review Questions:**

- What did Samuel encourage Israel to do?
- Why was it wrong for Saul to make the burnt offering?



# Saul Disobeyed God

1 Samuel 14–15

## **Bible Story Summary:**

Saul and Jonathan led the Israelites to fight God's enemies. God told Saul to destroy everything that belonged to the Amalekites, but Saul and his army did not listen. Because Saul did not obey, God said Saul couldn't be king anymore.

## **Review Questions:**

- What was Saul's excuse for disobeying the Lord?
- What did Saul say was better than sacrifice? Why?



# Samuel Anointed David

1 Samuel 16

## **Bible Story Summary:**

Saul didn't listen to God, so he couldn't be king of Israel anymore. God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem to find a new king for Israel. Samuel met seven of Jesse's sons, but God didn't choose any of them. God chose David, a young shepherd, to be the new king.

## **Review Questions:**

- What is different about what God sees in people from what humans see?
- What made David a surprising choice to be the future king of Israel?





# David Played for Saul

1 Samuel 16

## **Bible Story Summary:**

God's Spirit left King Saul, and an evil spirit came and tormented him. Saul's servants asked David to play music to help make Saul happy again. Saul loved David very much and made David his armor-bearer.

## **Review Questions:**

- Why was David chosen to help King Saul?
- How did David show humility by serving King Saul?



# David Defeated Goliath

1 Samuel 17

## **Bible Story Summary:**

The Israelites and the Philistines were getting ready to fight. David brought food to his brothers in the army and got mad when he heard the Philistine giant, Goliath, mocking God. David fought Goliath with a sling and five smooth stones. With God's help, David won the battle.

## **Review Questions:**

- What was David doing before visiting his brothers and the Israelite army?
- How did God show His strength through David?



# David Showed Mercy

1 Samuel 24

## **Bible Story Summary:**

King Saul became jealous of David and wanted to kill him. While Saul was looking for David, he went in a cave where David and his friends were hiding. David showed mercy and did not hurt Saul. David said that only God could decide what is right.

## **Review Questions:**

- Why was Saul trying to kill David?
- How did David show Saul mercy? How can we experience God's mercy?



# David Became King

2 Samuel 5; 7

## **Bible Story Summary:**

King David lived in a big palace, but the ark stayed in a tent. David wanted to build God a permanent house, or temple, but God did not ask for a house. God promised David that his family would have kings forever. David told God how awesome, amazing, powerful, and loving He is to His people.

## **Review Questions:**

- Why did David want to build God a temple?
- What special promise did God make to David?





# David Sinned and Was Restored

2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

## **Bible Story Summary:**

David sinned by taking what did not belong to him. David tried to cover his sin with more disobedience. Nathan told David about a rich man with a lot of sheep who took a poor man's only sheep. David was like the rich man. David repented of his sin, and God forgave David.

## **Review Questions:**

- What happened when David tried to hide his sin?
- How did David respond to God's forgiveness?



# Solomon Became King

1 Kings 2-3

## **Bible Story Summary:**

Solomon became the new king of Israel. One night, God visited Solomon in a dream. Solomon asked God for wisdom. God was pleased that Solomon asked for wisdom and made Solomon very wise so that he would know right from wrong.

## **Review Questions:**

- Why did Solomon ask for wisdom?
- What else did God give to Solomon?



# Solomon Built the Temple

1 Kings 6–8

## **Bible Story Summary:**

King Solomon wanted to build a special house for God called the temple. Solomon made the temple as a place where God could stay with His people. When the priests came out of the holy place, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

## **Review Questions:**

- What was special about the temple?
- How did Solomon describe the Lord during his prayer?



# Solomon Thought about Life

## Ecclesiastes 1

### **Bible Story Summary:**

Solomon was a rich, famous, wise, and powerful king. Solomon wanted everyone to know that nothing matters if we don't know God. Solomon wrote a book called Ecclesiastes to teach others that what matters most is knowing God and following Him.

### **Review Questions:**

- How did Solomon describe life in Ecclesiastes?
- Why is knowing God and following Him most important?





# The Queen of Sheba Visited Solomon

1 Kings 10

## **Bible Story Summary:**

The queen of Sheba visited King Solomon and brought gifts of spices, gold, and precious stones. Solomon talked to the queen and answered all her questions. The queen praised God for King Solomon's wisdom to do the right thing.

## **Review Questions:**

- Why was the queen amazed by Solomon's kingdom?
- How did King Solomon use the gifts the queen gave him for God's glory?



# Wisdom of God's People

Proverbs 1; 3–4

## **Bible Story Summary:**

King Solomon was very wise. He wrote short, wise sayings called proverbs. The book of Proverbs helps us gain wisdom and know what is right and good. Solomon taught people to fear the Lord and trust in Him.

## **Review Questions:**

- What does Solomon teach us through the book of Proverbs?
- What is the wise way to live?