

Samuel Parent Resources

Title: God Gives Israel a Prophet and a Judge

Passage: 1 Samuel 1–7

Principle: God graciously intervenes in the lives of men.

Praise: “Cry of My Heart”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How did God bless Israel with a prophet and judge?
- How did God bless Hannah with a son?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By rejoicing that God intervenes in the lives of men.
- By responding to God’s Word by being obedient.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 1 Samuel 1–7.

Next Week: 1 Samuel 8–12

Title: Israel Rejects God as King

Passage: 1 Samuel 8–12

Principle: God is King, and we must submit to Him.

Praise: “He Reigns”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- Why was Israel’s request for a king sinful?
- What were God’s conditions for blessing Israel and their new king?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By trusting God, not human strength or wisdom, in trying times.
- By obeying God, who is King

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 1 Samuel 8–12.

Next Week: 1 Samuel 13:1–14; 15:1–34

Title: Saul Disobeys God

Passage: 1 Samuel 13:1–14; 15:1–34

Principle: God’s Word is authoritative and must be obeyed.

Praise: “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- Why did Saul’s actions displease the Lord?
- How did Saul try to justify his actions?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By submitting to the authority of God’s Word and obeying it completely.
- By repenting from being stubborn, which is a serious offense to God.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 1 Samuel 13:1–14; 15:1–34.

Next Week: 1 Samuel 16

Title: God Sees David’s Heart

Passage: 1 Samuel 16

Principle: God sees the hearts of all men.

Praise: “Undivided Heart”

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How was David chosen as king of Israel?

- How is God's view of man different from ours?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By examining his heart and learning what pleases the Lord.
- By not judging others based on their outward appearance.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 1 Samuel 16.

Next Week: 1 Samuel 17

Title: David Defends God's Honor

Passage: 1 Samuel 17

Principle: Believers must live for the Lord's glory.

Praise: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- What happened between the Philistines and Israel?
- How did David defend God's honor?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By glorifying God with his actions and thoughts.
- By doing what pleases God, regardless of the consequences.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 1 Samuel 17.

Next Week: 1 Samuel 18:1–11; 20:1–42

Title: God Is Sovereign over Friendships

Passage: 1 Samuel 18:1–11; 20:1–42

Principle: Relationships are a gift from God.

Praise: "Beloved"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- What kind of relationship did David have with Saul and Jonathan?
- Why did Saul try to kill David?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By showing love to those who love him and to those who dislike him.
- By trusting that God is sovereign over the relationships in his life.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 1 Samuel 18:1–11; 20:1–42.

Next Week: 1 Samuel 24

Title: God Judges between David and Saul

Passage: 1 Samuel 24

Principle: God's Word is the standard of right and wrong.

Praise: "Undivided Heart"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- Why didn't David kill Saul when he had the opportunity?
- What was the difference between Saul's reaction and David's reaction to God's commands?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By trusting Scripture over the advice of other people.
- By obeying Scripture.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 1 Samuel 24.

Next Week: 2 Samuel 1:1–2:4a

Title: God Makes David King

Passage: 2 Samuel 1:1–2:4a

Principle: God's plan includes the death of the righteous and the wicked.

Praise: "This Is the Day"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How did David react to the death of Saul and Jonathan?
- How did God keep His promise to David to make him king?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By trusting that God has control over life and death.
- By praying for the salvation of unbelievers.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 2 Samuel 1:1–2:4a.

Next week: 2 Samuel 7

Title: God's Gracious Promise to David

Passage: 2 Samuel 7

Principle: We can rejoice and trust in God's gracious promises.

Praise: "God Is So Good"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- What promise did God make to David and his family?
- How did Jesus fulfill the promise that God made to David?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By trusting that God keeps His promises.
- By thanking God for His grace toward unworthy sinners.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 2 Samuel 7.

Next Week: 2 Samuel 11–12

Title: God Forgives David

Passage: 2 Samuel 11–12

Principle: We should turn to God's grace after disobeying His Word.

Praise: "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord."

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- How did David disobey God's Word?
- How did God extend grace to David?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

- By accepting the consequences of his sin.
- By repenting of his sin and receiving God's forgiveness.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of 2 Samuel 11–12.