LESSON 10

SAMUEL ANOINTS SAUL WITH OIL



Aim: **To show the children how Saul was chosen as king to lead the people of Israel.**

Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 8:4-22; 9:1-27; 10:1-4, 9**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 1:1**
(continue learning v 1)
Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners ...

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Tell the class a short story about how you lost something and the hard time you had finding it.

MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON

1. There once was a rich man in Israel called Kish, who lost his donkeys. He sent his son Saul with a servant to look for them. **Describe what Saul was like (9:1-3).**
2. Saul and the servant walked many kilometres but could not find the donkeys. Saul decided that they had to go back without the donkeys; otherwise his father might begin to worry that his son had become lost, too (9:4-5).
3. But the servant had a better idea. They were near the town where Samuel, the man of God, lived. They should ask him for advice, the servant suggested. Some girls directed them to where Samuel stayed (9:6-13).
4. Saul and his servant met Samuel, who told them the donkeys had been found. Saul was very surprised at the way Samuel welcomed them with special food and a good place to sleep. Saul's father was an important man, but he came from the smallest tribe in Israel (9:14, 19-25).
5. Saul did not yet know that God had told Samuel that he had chosen Saul to be king of Israel (9:17). The people had asked for a king so that they would be like all the other tribes around them. That upset Samuel. The Lord was Israel's only King, he told the people. And he warned them: Human kings often took more from the people than they gave them (8:4-22).
6. At dawn the next morning, after Saul and his servant had spent the night in Samuel's house, Samuel escorted them to the edge of town. Then Samuel took Saul aside and anointed his head with oil to show that God had appointed him ruler over Israel. **Show Picture 10 (9:26-27; 10:1-2).**

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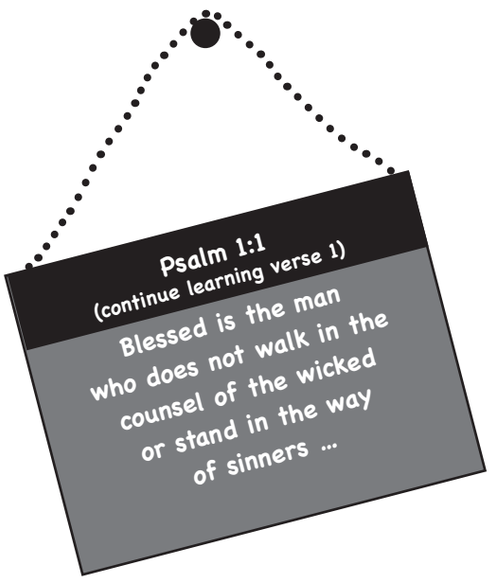


Our Response to the Story

God did not leave Saul all on his own to carry the big responsibility of being king. The Lord changed Saul so that he would be able to do his task well (10:9).

Today, too, when God gives us a task he gives us the power to do it. We should trust the Lord to make us fit to serve him (Phil 1:6).

Instil the Memory Verse



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