

Lesson 7: Religious Faith - More Than the Eye Can See

Objective :

- To alert the candidates that reflection on matters of faith requires a particular mind-set and outlook.
- To increase the candidates awareness and conviction that exploring matters of faith can be engaging, exciting and enjoyable.
- To move the candidate towards more serious reflection upon their experience and understanding of God.

What is Faith ?

FAITH is the understanding that each person has of God and how that person views life in terms of that understanding. In simple terms to have faith means to have a personal relationship with God. Faith is Private and mysterious. To some extent Faith is unique to each person – not because God is different but because people are different.

What is Religion ?

RELIGION is a way for people to express outwardly their inner experiences of God. It is an attempt by people to share and make public that faith relationship with God, using outward signs, gestures, rituals, and statements of belief. Each culture develops its own religion expression and this is passed from generation to generation.

WHAT IS RELIGION?



- A Set of beliefs in an ultimate reality
- A Set of practices used to express those beliefs
- It is a key component of culture
- Has its own special celebrations and worship styles
- Have their own sacred text, symbols and sites
- All of these aspect help unite followers regardless of where in the world they live

What do you understand between Faith & Religion

FAITH VERSUS RELIGION	
Faith is the complete trust and confidence in something or someone.	Religion is a specific system of belief and/or worship, often involving a code of ethics and philosophy.
Faith is an internal emotion.	Religion is an external practice or expression.
Faith is the basis of many religions.	Religion cannot exist and spread without faith.

Even though the term Faith and Religion are different they are closely related.

Faith – the personal relationship with God – requires the means of expression that religion provides. **Religion** – the outward expression of the inner faith.

Faith and religion need each other. If Faith is lost religion becomes meaningless.

What does the Bible explain Faith as :

Faith is confident in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrew Ch 11 :1)

Faith can move mountains. (Matt 17 :20)

Bible Study: 1 Samuel Chapter 9

Who was the father of Saul?

Kish

To which tribe of Israel did Saul belong?

Benjamin

Who prepared Samuel for Saul's visit?

God

How did Saul show honor & obedience to his father?

Went with a servant to look for the lost donkeys

*"There was not a more handsome person than "He".
Who does "He" denote?*

Saul

How did God lead Saul to Samuel?

Lost Donkeys

Why is it important to be faithful in the small things God asks us to do?

Because he uses everything to prepare us to serve him.

Who is a Seer?

Prophet - Man of God

To Do List for Child

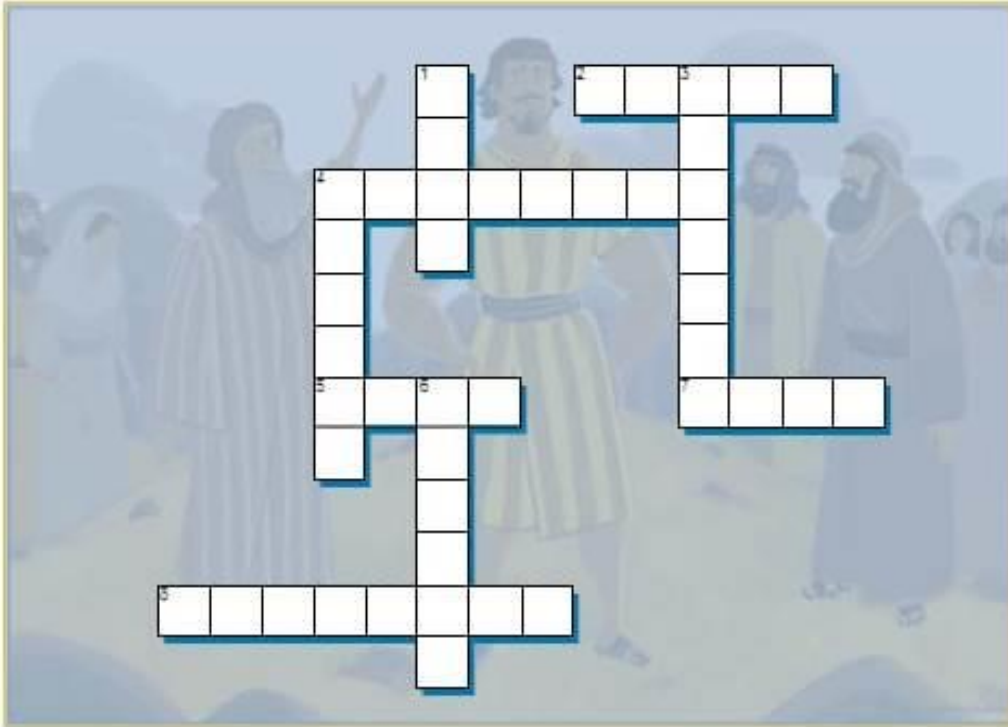
- **Activity:**
- **Read:** 1 Samuel Chapter 9

To Do List for Parents

Please ensure your child learns the below prayers during the week

- Corporal Works of Mercy
- Spiritual Works of Mercy

Samuel Followed God Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. A person who decides legal matters.
4. The tribe Saul belonged to
5. Opposite of found
7. He was chosen to lead the Israelites.
8. People asked if Saul was among these people.

DOWN

1. Not a queen but a _____
3. Saul was looking for these animals.
4. The Israelites wanted Saul to lead them in this.
6. He told Saul to look for three signs.