

SAMUEL THE KING MAKER

For Parents: Please read this as bedtime story for your child. Coloring will be done in class.



The Birth of Samuel

In the village of Ramah, there lived a woman named Hannah. For many years she had no children. She prayed to God. "If you give a son, she said, I promise he will serve you all his life. God heard her prayer and gave her a beautiful baby boy whom she called Samuel. Hannah did not forget her promise. When he grew up, she took him to Eli the Priest and said "God gave him to me, and now I am giving him back to God. Please take care of him and train him for God's work"

So Samuel lived with Eli. Everyone loved him. Eli was by now an old man. Soon his own sons would have to look after God's home. Eli's sons were greedy and had no respect for God. Therefore God told Eli that he did not want them to serve him as priests but he would choose someone who would be faithful to him.



Samuel Hears God's Voice

One night, Samuel was sleeping in God's House. Suddenly he heard someone calling his name. Samuel got up and ran to Eli, but the old priest had not called him. So he went back to sleep. Again he heard his name. He ran to Eli again. But Eli had not called. The priest knew it must be God calling. So he told Samuel "If you hear the voice again, say "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"

Samuel Responds to God

Samuel went back to sleep. He heard his name once more. So he said "Speak Lord, Your servant is listening"



God told Samuel that he had chosen him to be His **priest** and teach the people of Israel His Ways. Samuel grew up to be known as a prophet who always spoke the message of God. The Lord spoke often to Samuel, and Samuel passed on God's message to the people. The people learned to trust him and take his advice.



Samuel Anoints Saul as King

When Samuel grew old he made his sons judges. But they were not honest and were interested only in making money. So the leaders went to Samuel and asked him to choose a king for them. Samuel listened to them and told them about the troubles they would have if they had an earthly king. But the people would not listen to Samuel's advice and insisted that they have a king. So Samuel prayed to God and God told him that he would reveal to him who was to be the king.

Now there lived in another district a man named Saul. One day, Saul and his servant came to look for Samuel and ask for his help. When Saul arrived at the city gate, God told the prophet in his heart that this was the man he had chosen as king. Samuel told Saul that God has chosen him to rule over his people. Saul was surprised to hear this. The next day Samuel took some oil, poured it on Saul's head and said "The Lord anoints you as ruler of his people" The people were happy when Samuel told them that a king was chosen.

Samuel Anoints David

At first Saul was a good king. But after sometime he grew proud and disobedient. So God told Samuel that he had chosen a new king to take the place of Saul God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem to a man name Jesse because he had chosen one of his sons to be king. So Samuel went to the house of Jesse. Samuel asked Jesse: "Have you any more sons?" Jesse answered "There is still the



youngest, but he is out looking after his sheep". Samuel asked Jesse to send for him. When David came into the house, the Lord said to Samuel "This is the one, anoint him" So Samuel took oil and anointed David in front of his brothers. From that day the Lord was with David in a special way. David loved God and wrote many songs in praise of God.

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Samuel's power of anointing is symbolic of the role God wants to play in ensuring that His people are well looked after

When the people of Israel ask God to give them a King, He hesitates, because He knows that once they have an earthly king, they forget that God is their real King. But then He not only allows them to have a king, but chooses and appoints kings who will guide them properly. Through Samuel, He chooses Saul, and then when Saul misguides the people, He chooses David. God shows how much He cares for his people by giving them good leaders, anointed with his power



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12 April 2024

Name: _____
Class: _____

Activity Sheets should not be answered before 12 April. We will do activity together in class.

I. Identify if the sentence below is True or False (T / F)

1. Eli is a Priest _____
2. Samuel's mother is Hannah _____
3. Samuel lived with Eli. Eli taught Samuel to do God's works _____
4. Eli's sons were very good and **obeyed God**. God wanted them to be priests. _____
5. Samuel heard God's Voice **once** only _____
6. Samuel went back to sleep when he heard the voice _____
7. Samuel ran to Eli when he heard the voice _____
8. Eli said to Samuel "If you hear the voice again, say -I am sleeping, **stop calling me.**" _____
9. Samuel heard his name for the third time, he said "**Speak Lord, your servant is listening**" _____
10. God told Samuel that He wanted him to be His Priest and **teach the people of Israel His Ways** _____
11. When Samuel grew old, he made his sons judges. Samuel's son were **good judges** _____
12. The Israelites leaders went to Samuel and told him "**We don't want a king**" _____
13. Samuel told the people the troubles if they will have a king. They will forget God the Real King _____
14. The people insisted to have a king.
So Samuel prayed to God and God told Samuel the people will **NEVER** have a king _____
15. Samuel anointed Saul as **farmer**. _____
16. The people were **not happy** when Samuel told them that a king was chosen _____
17. At first Saul was a good king. But after some time, **he grew proud and disobedient** _____
18. God told Samuel that He had chosen a new king to take the place of Saul. _____
19. God told Samuel to go to **Jericho**, where He has chosen the new king . _____
20. God told Samuel to go to the **House of Joseph** because God had chosen one of **Joseph's** son to be king _____
21. David was the **eldest** of the sons of Jesse _____
22. David loved God and wrote many songs in praise of God _____

