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INTRODUCTION

This quarter presents the main events in the life of Samuel and points out how faithful and obedient he was to God during His years as a faithful servant of God. The travels of the ark of God, the establishment of the schools of the prophets, the selection of the first and second kings of Israel, and other experiences all took place during Samuel's lifetime; and in each he played an important role.

The answers to the questions are found in the Reading Assignment given at the beginning of each lesson. If the Reading Assignment or the Memory Verse is too long for a younger child, give him or her a shorter reading until his ability improves, or secure the assistance of a parent to read the verses to the student, summarize them, or help find the answers.

Every teacher needs to read in Patriarchs and Prophets about Samuel before teaching the lesson for the week, for there is a wealth of background material available to make the Primary class lively and appealing. May God bless every teacher and student in the study of His word.



Lesson 1

SAMUEL'S BIRTH

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 1:1, 2, 8-28; 2:11, 12, 18, 19.

MEMORY VERSE: "And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the Lord,... because I rejoice in Thy salvation. There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside Thee: neither is there any rock like our God." 1 Samuel 2:1, 2.

One day Eli the priest was sitting by a post in the temple when he saw a woman who was acting very strange and seemed to be talking to herself.



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.

- 1. What was the woman's name?**
 - a. Hannah
 - b. Ruth
 - c. Sarah
- 2. What did Eli think was wrong with her?**
 - a. She was not in her right mind.
 - b. She was drunk.
 - c. She was sick.

3. What was she actually doing?

- a. Singing
- b. Crying
- c. Praying

Now Eli was sorry for what he had thought. He asked Hannah what the trouble was, and she told him her story.

4. What was Hannah's husband's name?

- a. Elkanah
- b. Ahab
- c. Eli

5. What did she want more than anything else?

- a. Riches
- b. A new house
- c. A child

Eli told Hannah that God would answer her request. And He did! Soon after, Hannah had a child.

6. What was the child's name?

- a. John
- b. Samuel
- c. Samson

In return for answering her prayer, Hannah promised God that she would dedicate her son to Him and that he would always be in the service of the Lord. So, Hannah and Elkanah took Samuel to the temple to live with Eli and to serve God.

7. Do you think Hannah was happy or sad to leave Samuel at the temple with Eli?



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

8. What did she bring him every year?

- a. Food
- b. Toys
- c. A coat

When Hannah was separated from Samuel, her care and concern for him did not stop. She did not ask that he be great, but only that he would honor God and serve his fellowmen. This is something that we all must do—love God and be a blessing to others.



UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS TO SPELL THE CORRECT NAMES.

- 1. LMASUE _____
- 2. KAAHLNE _____
- 3. LIE _____
- 4. HNAHNA _____





Lesson 2

WICKED YOUNG MEN IN THE TEMPLE

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 2:12-35.

MEMORY VERSE: *"And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men." 1 Samuel 2:26.*

Samuel lived with Eli in the temple and worked very hard for the Lord. Eli had two sons named Hophni and Phinehas. Although Eli was a good priest, he was not a very good father. He let his children do whatever they wanted. He did not prepare them for God's service and the duties of life.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. **Eli's sons worked for the Lord. T/F**

2. **Eli was a good father. T/F**

The sons of Eli did not fear God. They did not honor their father. As Eli grew older, he heard about some of the things his sons were doing. The report was not good. The people complained to Eli about his sons' violent actions, but they ignored him when he spoke to them about these things. Eli knew something had to be done. He was glad that Samuel was there.

3. **Samuel followed in the ways of Hophni and Phinehas. T/F**

4. Hophni and Phinehas paid attention to what their father told them? T/F

Eli's sons had grown up thinking only of themselves. They were selfish and did not care about anyone else, even though they could see the grief they were causing. They did not want to be a blessing to others, and they were not worried about the consequences of their sins.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE RIGHT ANSWER.**

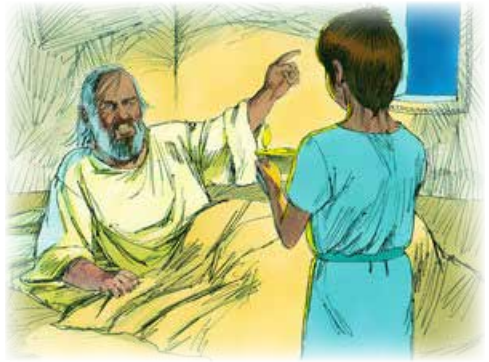
5. What did the Lord say would happen to Hophni and Phinehas because of their evil ways?

- a. They would be happy.
- b. They would die.
- c. They would be sad.

 **FILL IN THE BLANKS.**

6. What did the Lord plan to have Samuel do?

"And I will raise Me up a _____ priest, that shall do according to that which is in Mine _____ and in My _____: and I will _____ him a sure _____; and he shall _____ before Mine anointed for ever." 1 Samuel 2:35.



Lesson 3

A MYSTERIOUS VOICE

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 3:1-18.

MEMORY VERSE: "... And it shall be, if He call thee, that thou shalt say. Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth." 1 Samuel 3:9.

One night after Samuel's work in the temple was finished and he had gone to sleep, a strange thing happened. Samuel heard someone calling his name.



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF EACH RIGHT ANSWER.

1. What did Samuel do?

- a. Went back to sleep.
- b. Answered.
- c. Went to Eli and asked if he had called him.

2. How many times did Samuel hear the voice before Eli realized who was speaking to Samuel?

- a. 3
- b. 1
- c. 5

When Eli understood that it was the Lord who was calling Samuel, he told him to go back to bed and, if the Lord called him again, answer, "Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth."

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

3. Samuel answered, “Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.” 1 Samuel 3:10. T/F

The Lord gave Samuel an important message. He told Samuel what was going to happen to Eli and his house because he had not taught his sons in the right way.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE BEST ANSWER.**

4. How did Samuel feel about telling Eli what God had told him?

- a. Happy
- b. Sad
- c. Afraid

Eli wanted to know what the Lord had said to Samuel. But Samuel did not want to deliver the terrible message. The Lord did not command Samuel to tell Eli, so he went about his duties as usual; but he remained silent and tried to avoid Eli as much as possible.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

5. Samuel never told Eli what God said. T/F

6. Eli replied, “It is good.” 1 Samuel 3:18, last part. T/F

God could not talk with Eli and his sons, because their sins shut out the presence of the Holy Spirit. So, Samuel was given the message. Just as he did, we must listen to the Lord and do whatever He tells us.

7. Samuel thought it was Eli calling him. T/F

8. The Lord called Samuel four times. T/F

9. The message was a good one. T/F

10. Samuel was afraid to tell Eli. T/F

11. Eli was angry with Samuel when he told him what the Lord had said. T/F



Lesson 4

ISRAEL AND THE PHILISTINES

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 4:1-22.

MEMORY VERSE: *“The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.” Proverbs 14:19.*

Years passed, and Samuel grew to manhood. He became well known as the prophet of God. So far the message given Samuel by the Lord had not been fulfilled. Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas were still alive. Now Israel was attacked by the Philistines.



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION BELOW.

1. What did the Israelites think would help them to be victorious in the battle?

- a. Having the ark of God with them.
- b. Prayer.
- c. Samuel.

The Philistines were afraid when they heard that the ark of the Lord was in Israel's camp, but they decided to fight as hard as they could.

2. Who won this battle?

- a. Israel
- b. Philistines

3. How many of Israel's soldiers died?

- a. 100
- b. 4,000
- c. None

4. What happened to the ark?

- a. It fell apart.
- b. The Philistines took it.
- c. Nothing.

Part of the message God gave to Samuel came to pass at this time.

5. What happened?

- a. Hophni and Phinehas died in the battle.
- b. The ark was returned.
- c. Eli was happy.

In Shiloh Eli waited for news. He was concerned about his sons and the ark. A messenger came and told him that the ark had been taken and his sons had been killed.


6. What happened to Eli he heard what had happened to the ark?

- a. He went to see for himself.
- b. He fell over backward and died.
- c. He went to the temple.

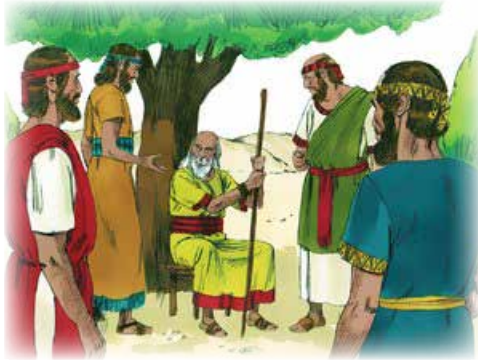
7. How old was Eli when he died?

- a. 62
- b. 33
- c. 98

At this time, the wife of Phinehas gave birth to a little boy. She named him Ichabod, saying, "The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken." 1 Samuel 4:22. The words of the Lord were fulfilled. His words always come true. This is why we must always take them to heart and do the best we can to be His God-fearing, obedient servants.

 **CIRCLE THE NUMBERS OF THOSE WHO WERE PART OF GOD'S PEOPLE.**

1. Philistines
2. Samuel
3. Hophni
4. Phinehas
5. Eli
6. Israelites





Lesson 5

A CART WITH NO DRIVER

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 5; 6:1-12.

MEMORY VERSE: *"Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God." "Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another." Leviticus 19:4, 11.*

The Philistines now had the ark in their possession. They took it to a place called Ashdod and put it in the temple of their god, Dagon. They thought that the defeat of the Israelites proved that Dagon was more powerful than the God of Israel. But something happened that proved this was not so.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. The idol, Dagon, had fallen face down on the ground. T/F

The Philistines set the idol back in its place; but the next morning, it had fallen down again. But this time the head and hands of the idol were broken off. The people wondered what could have happened to their god. Soon after, they were stricken with a strange disease. They knew it was because they had taken the ark from the Israelites.

CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

2. What did the Philistines then do with the ark?

- a. They burned it.
- b. They took it to Gath.
- c. They gave it back to the Israelites.

At Gath the very same thing happened to the ark. There was great destruction in the city, and the men were stricken with a disease. So they sent the ark to Ekron, and the same thing happened there. The Philistines kept the ark for seven months and then decided to send the ark away. They made a plan that would show whether or not they had made the right decision.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

- 3. The Philistines made a cart to carry the ark. T/F**
- 4. Four horses pulled the cart. T/F**
- 5. They shut up the calves of these kine at home. T/F**
(Note: Kine is a Bible word that means “cow.”)

The test was this: If the cows and cart, with no driver, left their calves behind and followed the road all the way to Beth-shemesh, the Philistines would know that their troubles had come upon them because they had taken the ark and kept it.

- 6. The cows turned around and came back. T/F**

 **DRAW A PICTURE OF THE TWO COWS PULLING THE CART ON WHICH THE ARK WAS PLACED.**



Lesson 6

A LITTLE SIN

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 6:13-21; 7:1-4.

MEMORY VERSE: *“Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15:22.*

The people at Beth-shemesh were reaping their harvest when they saw the cart with the ark coming toward them. They were very happy to see it, and they rejoiced.

CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER IN EACH QUESTION BELOW.

1. What did the people of Beth-shemesh do?

- a. Kept on reaping.
- b. Sent the ark back.
- c. Offered sacrifices.

Even though they offered sacrifices, the people did not obey. They made a mistake and were smitten.

2. What mistake did they make?

- a. They looked inside the sacred the ark.
- b. They prayed to idols.
- c. They hid the ark.

3. How many people died because of this?

- a. 100,000
- b. 50,070
- c. 500,000
(Note: Threescore means 60.)



FILL IN THE BLANKS.

Those who were left asked: "Who is able to _____ before this _____ Lord God? and to whom shall He go up _____ us?" 1 Samuel 6:20.



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE BEST ANSWER IN THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

4. A message was sent to the people of what city?

- a. Shiloh
- b. Kirjath-jearim
- c. Ashdod

The men from there came and got the ark and appointed Eleazar, the son of Abinadab, to take care of it.

5. For how many years was the ark kept in Kirjath-jearim?


- a. 7
- b. 30
- c. 20

During this time, there was still trouble with the Philistines. Samuel told the people that this was permitted by God, because they were not obedient to Him but often worshiped false gods.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

6. **Samuel told the people to return to the Lord with all their hearts.**
T/F
7. **The people followed Samuel's counsel. T/F**

Here again we are shown how important it is to be obedient in everything God commands. The people of Beth-shemesh were right to offer sacrifices; but because they looked into the ark, disobeying just a *little* bit, many were punished and had to die. Let us make up our minds to obey the Lord completely in everything.

 **DRAW A PICTURE OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AS IT WAS ALWAYS TO BE UNLESS IT WAS IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE OF THE TABERNACLE (COVERED).**



Lesson 7

A SPECIAL MEETING

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 7:5-17.

MEMORY VERSE: *“And Samuel said. Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.” 1 Samuel 7:5.*

Soon after the people had taken Samuel's advice and made up their minds to serve the Lord only, Samuel called the people to come together in a place named Mizpeh, and he would pray to the Lord for them.



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE BEST ANSWER.

1. What did the people and Samuel do at this meeting?

- a. Offered sacrifices.
- b. Fasted and prayed.
- c. Argued.

When the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered at Mizpeh, they prepared their army to attack Israel.



TRUE OR FALSE?

2. The Israelites were afraid when they heard that the Philistines were coming. T/F

3. Samuel told the Israelites to run away. T/F

Samuel took a suckling lamb, offered it as a burnt offering to the Lord, and cried unto the Lord. God heard his prayer.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION BELOW.**

4. When the Philistines came near, what happened?

- a. The Israelites tried to run away.
- b. There was a great battle.
- c. There was a great thunder, and the Philistines were smitten.

The Philistines were scattered, and Israel gained the victory. Samuel set up a monument in remembrance of God's deliverance of Israel.

5. What object did Samuel use?

- a. A stone.
- b. The ark.
- c. A tree.

 **FILL IN THE BLANKS:**

6. What did he call this, and what did he say?

"... And called the _____ of it _____,
saying, Hitherto _____ the Lord _____ us." 1
Samuel 7:12.

The Philistines had been subdued, and they did not bother Israel any more during all the days of Samuel. Israel was able to recapture many important cities. Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. He went to his house in Ramah "and there he built an altar unto the Lord." Verse 17.

We have learned about the trouble that came to Israel when they did not keep God's laws and were not careful of His sacred things. Under Samuel's guidance, the children of Israel turned to the Lord and served Him. Let us, too, obey God and receive the blessings He has promised.




Lesson 8

SCHOOLS OF THE PROPHETS

READING ASSIGNMENT: *Patriarchs and Prophets*, CHAPTER 58.

MEMORY VERSE: “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6.

The Lord Himself directed how the people of Israel were to receive their education. He commanded the Hebrew parents to teach their children God’s law. The children were taught to see God’s hand in their experiences and in the world around them. Samuel founded the schools of the prophets to keep Satan from entering the hearts of the young people and to train young men to be leaders.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

- 1. How many schools did Samuel establish? *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 593.**
 - a. 2
 - b. 5
 - c. 10
- 2. Where were they located? *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 593.**

The students in these schools worked for their room and board. Some worked at tilling the soil; others worked at a trade. They worked hard at their jobs and their studies.



CIRCLE THE LETTERS OF THE CORRECT ANSWERS.

3. What subjects were taught in the schools? *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 593.

- a. Arithmetic
- b. The law of God
- c. Sacred history
- d. Recess
- e. Sacred music
- f. Poetry

The students were taught about the need of prayer, how to pray, what faith is, and how to understand and follow the Holy Spirit's leading.



TRUE OR FALSE?

4. Singing sacred songs is as important as prayer. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 594. T/F



FILL IN THE BLANKS.

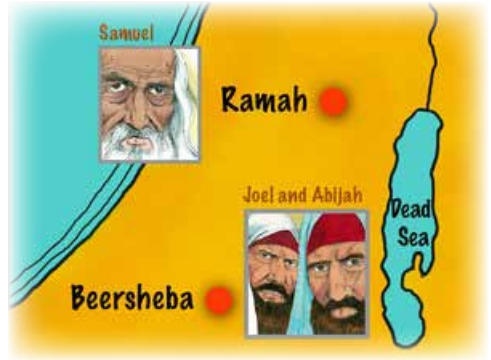
5. What is the very first purpose of education?

“The _____ object of _____ is to restore the _____ of _____ in the soul.” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 595.

The students in the schools of the prophets learned about nature and God's creative power. They were taught the importance of educating the mind and the body.

6. In what book can we learn the same things that the students in the schools of the prophets learned?

Yes, the Bible is God's word and the source of true education. We must learn the value of this precious book, and we must study God's word so we can learn to do His will in all things. In this way, we will be prepared to lead ourselves and others to the heavenly kingdom.



Lesson 9

A STRANGE REQUEST

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 8:1-22.

MEMORY VERSE: “And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king.” 1 Samuel 8:22.

When Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel. Their names were Joel and Abiah. But Samuel, like Eli, had been so busy that he neglected to instruct his sons properly, and they were not good. Because of this, the elders of Israel got together and went to talk to Samuel.

📖 CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE RIGHT ANSWER.

1. What did the elders want Samuel to do?

- a. Find a king for them.
- b. Pray for them.
- c. Be a judge.

2. Was he pleased with their request?

Samuel did not understand why the people would ask for such a thing. Israel had never had an earthly king before. Their only King had been God. Why would they need any other?

📖 CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

3. To whom did Samuel turn?

- a. The elders.
- b. His sons.
- c. God.


The Lord told Samuel to do what the people wanted. He told him that the people weren't rejecting Samuel but were rejecting God Himself.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

- 4. Samuel went to the people and told them what the Lord had said. Samuel warned them what would happen if they insisted on having a king. He knew that it would not be good for them. T/F**

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF EACH THING THAT A KING WOULD DO.**

- a. Take their sons as horsemen.
- b. Kill them.
- c. Take their daughters to be cooks and bakers.
- d. Give their fields and vineyards to his servants.
- e. Take their babies away.
- f. Take one-tenth of their sheep.
- g. Make them servants.

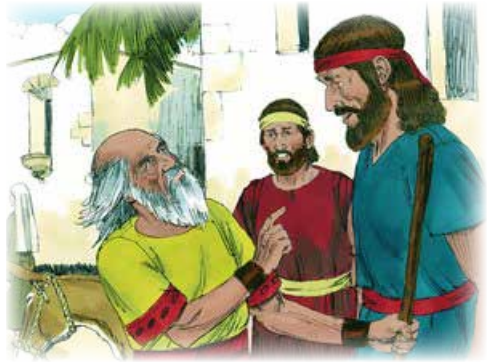
 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

- 5. What did Samuel say the people would do then?**

- a. Cry.
- b. Kill the king.
- c. Pray.

Samuel told them that the Lord would not hear them if they suffered under a king. Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to Samuel. So he told the Lord what the elders had said, and God told him to give them a king. Under the Lord's guidance, Samuel began a search for the first king of Israel.

- 7. Why do you think the people of Israel thought they needed a king?**



Lesson 10

SAMUEL MEETS SAUL

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 9:1-24.

MEMORY VERSE: *“And when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over My people.” 1 Samuel 9:17.*

With deep sadness, Samuel dismissed the people and went to prepare for the great change. In prophecy, it had been told that this type of government, ruled by a king, would come about for Israel. However, God kept the right to choose the king for the people. They respected His authority to do this and left the selection to Him. The choice fell upon Saul, the son of Kish, who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Among the children of Israel there was no one better than Saul. T/F

He was the son of a powerful and wealthy chief, but he had humble duties in his father's household. When some of the animals would get lost, Saul would go and find them. One time, after three days of searching, Saul and his servant could not find the animals.

2. The servant said they should go home and forget the animals. T/F

3. Saul suggested that they go and ask the prophet for help. T/F

It was the custom of the times that when a person came before someone higher in rank, he would bring him a small present as an expression of respect. Saul's servant had a fourth part of a shekel of silver that he said he would give to the man of God.



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

4. When they got to the city, whom did they ask about finding the Seer?

- a. Samuel
- b. Benjamin
- c. Kish

The day before Saul came, the Lord told Samuel that a man would be sent out of the land of Benjamin, and he would be the one Samuel should anoint as king.



FILL IN THE BLANKS.

5. What did the Lord say to Samuel when he saw Saul?

“And when _____ saw Saul, the Lord said unto him, _____ the _____ whom I spake to thee of! this same shall _____ over My _____.” 1 Samuel 9:17.

Saul asked Samuel where he could find the Seer. Samuel answered that he had found him; Samuel was the Seer. He told Saul not to worry about the animals that were lost. Saul was surprised that Samuel already knew about the animals.



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

6. What happened next?

- a. Saul did not listen to Samuel.
- b. The servant went to find Kish.
- c. Samuel set Saul at the chief place at the table.

Saul was even more surprised that he had been given a place of honor and a special portion of food for dinner that night. That evening Saul and Samuel had a long talk. Samuel explained to Saul the great principles upon which Israel's government was established. He tried to prepare Saul for his new position.



Lesson 11

SAMUEL ANOINTS SAUL

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 9:26, 27; 10:1-24.

MEMORY VERSE: *"The spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man." 1 Samuel 10:6.*

When Saul left early in the morning, Samuel went with him. When they were outside the town, Samuel sent the servant on but asked Saul to remain.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE RIGHT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

1. What did Samuel use to anoint Saul?

- a. Water
- b. Oil
- c. Wine

To show Saul that he had been anointed by divine authority, Samuel told him many things that would happen on the way home. As he went home, everything came to pass that Samuel had told him.

2. How many men did Saul meet?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

3. What were the men carrying? (Circle all that are correct)

- a. Five fish
- b. Three kids (baby goats)
- c. Three loaves of bread
- d. Two lambs
- e. One bottle of wine

As Saul approached the prophets in Gibeah, his own city, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. He began to sing with them and prophesied with them.

4. What did the prophets ask?

- a. Is Saul among the prophets?
- b. Who is that man?
- c. Where is Samuel?

The anointing of Saul was not known by all the people, so Samuel called a meeting at Mizpeh to make the announcement.



FILL IN THE BLANKS.

5. What did Samuel say to the people?

“And _____ have this day _____ your _____, who Himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto Him, Nay, but _____ a _____ over us.” 1 Samuel 10:19.

Samuel described the tribe, family, and household of the new king. Then he pointed out Saul as the individual who was chosen.



TRUE OR FALSE?

6. Saul was not in the assembly. T/F

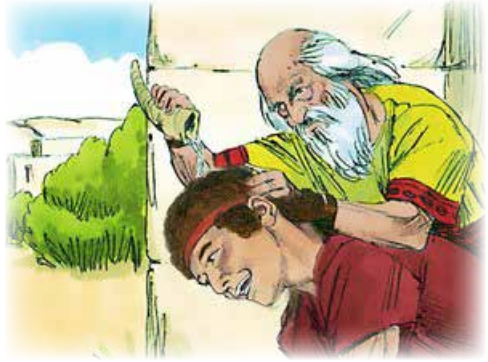
Saul was not there, because he was overwhelmed with the great responsibility he would have as king. But he was found and brought back to the congregation. When he stood with the people, he was taller than everyone else, from his shoulders and upward.

7. Were the people pleased with God's choice of a king?

8. What did they shout?



DRAW A PICTURE OF THE PEOPLE CHEERING FOR THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL.



Lesson 12

AFTER SAUL IS REJECTED, DAVID IS ANOINTED

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13.

MEMORY VERSE: *"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." 1 Samuel 16:13.*

Although the people were at first happy with Saul as their king, the words of warning given them concerning what a king would do came true. It was not best for them to have a king. Saul rebelled against God and was rejected from being king. This made Samuel very sad.

TRUE OR FALSE?

- 1. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel?" T/F**

The Lord told Samuel to go to Jesse's home and offer a sacrifice. The Lord said He would tell Samuel what to do and whom to anoint. The elders of Bethlehem were somewhat troubled and asked if Samuel came in peace. And he said, "Yes, peaceably."



CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE RIGHT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

2. Whom did Samuel meet with?

- a. Jesse and his sons.
- b. Kish and his sons.
- c. Saul and his sons.

3. Which one of Jesse's sons was missing?

- a. Benjamin
- b. Eliab
- c. David

After the sacrifice had been offered and before the feast began, Samuel began his inspection of the sons of Jesse. Samuel thought Eliab, the eldest, would be the choice. But no sign came from the Lord to anoint him or any of the others. Samuel sent for David, who was startled when the messenger told him that he was wanted by the prophet; but he obeyed the call without delay.



FILL IN THE BLANKS.

4. What does the Bible say about David?

"Now he was _____, and withal of a _____ countenance, and _____ to look to." 1 Samuel 16:12.



TRUE OR FALSE?

5. The Lord commanded Samuel to anoint David. T/F

The last thing we read about Samuel is: "And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah." 1 Samuel 25:1. Samuel's death was a huge loss to Israel, for he was a great prophet. What was most important was his faithfulness. Even as a little child, he was a faithful servant of the Lord. What should we be?



Lesson 13

A LOOK BACK AT SAMUEL'S LIFE

MEMORY VERSE: *“And I will raise Me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in Mine heart and in My mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before Mine anointed for ever.” 1 Samuel 2:35.*

Looking at Samuel's life, several people and objects are brought to mind.



MATCH EACH NAME WITH THE CORRECT IDENTIFICATION.

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| 1. Hannah | a. Sons of Eli |
| 2. Elkanah | b. David's father |
| 3. Eli | c. Samuel's mother |
| 4. Saul | d. The priest |
| 5. Dagon | e. Sons of Samuel |
| 6. Hophni and Phinehas | f. Philistine god |
| 7. Joel and Abiah | g. Saul's father |
| 8. Kish | h. First king of Israel |
| 9. Jesse | i. David's brother |
| 10. Eliab | j. Samuel's father |

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

- 11. Samuel was a faithful servant. T/F**
- 12. Samuel received a message from the Lord. T/F**
- 13. Hophni and Phinehas were not punished for their evil ways. T/F**
- 14. The cart carrying the ark back from the land of the Philistines had two drivers. T/F**
- 15. The people at Beth-shemesh were punished for looking into the ark. T/F**
- 16. Samuel wanted Israel to have a king. T/F**
- 17. Samuel founded the schools of the prophets. T/F**
- 18. Saul was anointed by Samuel. T/F**
- 19. Jesse and his sons knew David would be the next king. T/F**
- 20. Samuel was a good man and a great hero. T/F**

The Lord has a plan for every one of us to follow: To study His word, to learn His will, and to obey His law. Samuel was told by Eli what to answer when the Lord called him. This should be our answer to the Lord's voice. "Then Samuel answered, Speak; for Thy servant heareth." 1 Samuel 3:10.

 ON THE MAP BELOW, IDENTIFY AND COLOR THE PATH OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AFTER IT WAS CAPTURED BY THE PHILISTINES.

- SHILOH to ASHDOD
- ASHDOD to GATH
- GATH to EKRON
- EKRON to BETH-SHEMESH
- BETH-SHEMESH to KIRJATH-JEARIM

