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Unit 10 Lesson 1: 1st Samuel 1-3 "Israel's Unfaithfulness"

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Answers will vary based on kid's experience, but it should be along the lines of the story point: "God called Hannah's son to share God's plan."

Ask kids how we can hear from God today

Help kids see that the primary way God speaks to us today is through His Word. Remind the kids that we can hear from God through the Holy Spirit or even through other Christians whom God may use, but if we ever think God is telling us something that goes against the Bible, that message is not from God.



HANGING OUT:

Prompt kids to share about a time God answered one of their prayers. Be ready to share a story of your own.

SAY • God always hears us when we pray. He may not always answer the way we want Him to, but He always listens to us and does what is best. This week we learned about a woman who desperately wanted a son.

What did Hannah want very badly?

A child, a son (Optional : Read 1 Sam. 1:6-11)

What did Hannah do after Samuel was born?

Dedicated him to the Lord (Optional: Read 1 Sam. 1:26-28)

What did Samuel say after he knew it was God calling him?

("Speak, for your servant is listening"; 1 Sam. 3:10)



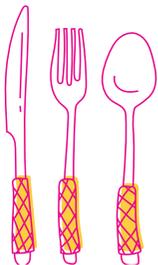
AT DINNER:

Will God always give us what we ask for in prayer?

Guide kids to see that God loves to give us good gifts. Help them understand that when we ask for things in prayer, we can trust that God will give us what is best for us. That means that sometimes God will give us what we want, but sometimes He will not. When God does not give us something, it is because that thing is not for His glory and our good.

Can you think of times you have been afraid to share God's message with others?

Guide kids to discuss their fears or insecurities honestly. Share times in your life that you knew what God's Word said about something but were afraid to tell others. Talk about ways to overcome fear and speak the truth in a way that is loving..



BEFORE BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this unit's key passage: Jeremiah 10 :6 "Lord there is no one like you. You are great; your name is great in power."

SAY • Our key passage was written by a prophet, a messenger from God. His name was Jeremiah, and he wrote many years after Samuel lived. Jeremiah saw that God's people were not honoring God or obeying Him. God told Jeremiah to write warnings to them. Part of Jeremiah's writings were to remind the people who God is and how wonderfully amazing and powerful He is. Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.



PARENT TIME/WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Story Point: "God called Hannah's son to share God's plan."

Key Passage: Jeremiah 10 :6 "Lord there is no one like you. You are great; your name is great in power."

Gospel Gems from the Story: • God heard Hannah's prayer. • God used Samuel to tell people His words. • Jesus told people God's words.

Big Picture Question: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

Christ Connection: Samuel told people what God is like and what He would do. Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth as a human. He told people about God's plan and showed the world what God is like.



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Unit 10 Lesson 2: 1st Samuel 4-6 "The Ark Was Captured"

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Answers will vary based on kid's experience, but it should be along the lines of the story point: "God showed the Philistines that He is the one true God."

Ask kids if anyone or anything is greater than God

Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

Who are the Philistines?

An enemy of God's people, the Israelites.

HANGING OUT:

Prompt kids to tell you about their most prized possession or their biggest source of encouragement.

Discuss how it would feel to lose that object or source of encouragement

SAY • The people of God had a special box that God commanded them to make. It was called the ark of the covenant, and it represented God's power to protect them and His desire to be with them. It was special for the Israelites and a source of encouragement to them. But this week we will hear about a time their enemies took it away.

What did the people of Israel do to try and win the battle against the Philistines? They took the ark into battle (Optional: Read 1 Sam. 4:3-4)

Who won the battle? The Philistines. (Optional: Read 1 Sam. 4:10-11)

What happened to the Philistines while they had the ark? Their idol fell and broke and their people got sick (Optional: Read 1 Sam. 5:3-10)

Why did Israel lose the battles they fought?

Guide kids to discuss that most of the Israelites weren't interested in loving or obeying God. God chose not to fight for them because He wanted them to turn back to Him from their sin. They wanted to use the ark to force God to fight for them. They expected the ark to protect them, instead of trusting in God and obeying Him.

AT DINNER:

What action did God take many years after the story to even more clearly show His presence with His people?

Guide kids to discuss that Jesus is the visible image of God. He is God's Son and perfectly shows us what God is like. When we know Jesus and have faith in Him, God forgives us and gives us new life. The Holy Spirit fills us with God's power and stays with us to help us love and obey God.

What are some ways we show that we do not trust God? How can we grow to trust Him more?

Discuss the fact that sin in our lives usually proves there are ways we are not trusting God. We worship or trust in other things, which leads us to sin. We can grow in our faith by reading His Word, going to church, asking Him for help, and confessing our sin.

BEFORE BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this unit's key passage: Jeremiah 10 :6 "Lord there is no one like you. You are great; your name is great in power."

SAY • Jeremiah was a prophet. He wrote the words God told him to write, including this key passage.

God wanted His people to remember that He is completely different from anyone or anything else. God is all-powerful and perfectly holy. Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

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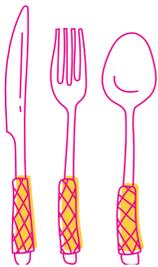
Story Point: "God showed the Philistines that He is the one true God."

Key Passage: Jeremiah 10 :6 "Lord there is no one like you. You are great; your name is great in power."

Gospel Gems from the Story: • The Israelites took the ark of God to battle. • The Philistines took away the ark of God. • God is more powerful than anything or anyone.

Big Picture Question: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

Christ Connection: The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Many years later God gave His people something even better to remind them that He was with them. God sent His Son, Jesus. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel, which means "God with us."



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Unit 10 Lesson 3: 1st Samuel 1-3 "Israel's First King"

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Answers will vary based on kid's experience, but it should be along the lines of the story point: "God's people wanted a king like the nations around them."

Ask kids if anyone or anything is greater than God

Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

Why do you think people live for things other than Jesus?

Prompt kids to discuss how people might live for power, comfort, recognition, or success. Help them consider that until a person knows Jesus, other things might seem better. We can point people to Jesus—our greatest treasure—for true life and joy.



HANGING OUT:

Prompt kids to discuss how they would feel if they were king or queen for a day. What laws might they make? What fun things might they do?

SAY • Kings and queens are often considered the most powerful people in the countries they rule. In some cases, a royal leader might not have a lot of real power, but even in a place like the United Kingdom, the queen has wealth and influence over the people. This week we learned about a time God's people wanted a human king to rule them.

Why do you think God allowed Saul to be king if He knew Saul would disobey?

Guide kids to talk about God's power to use difficult circumstances for His glory and our good. Discuss what God might have been teaching the people of Israel through Saul's kingship. Point them to Jesus' crucifixion, where we see God use the evil actions of people to bring about good.

Why didn't God want His people to have an earthly king?

Point out that the people had rejected God and wanted to be like the nations around them, but God had chosen His people to be holy. His plan for them was better—to give them a heavenly king to lead them perfectly.



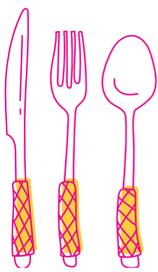
AT DINNER:

What are some ways Jesus proves He is the perfect King?

Guide kids to think about what Jesus did for us. Remind them that He chose to die even though we were sinners and enemies of God. (OPTIONAL: Read Romans 5:6-10) Discuss Jesus' place of honor and glory with God the Father, and point kids to the hope we have for the future, when Jesus will return to reign over everything.

How should believers be different than others around them?

Remind kids that God calls His people to be holy like He is holy. The word holy means "set apart." People living with Jesus as King belong to a kingdom that doesn't make sense to the world. (Optional: Read Luke 6:27-30.)



BEFORE BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this unit's key passage: Jeremiah 10 :6 "Lord there is no one like you. You are great; your name is great in power."

SAY • In this key passage, God's Word tells us that no one is like Him. That means that no matter how strong, wise, kind, or powerful anyone else might be, God is stronger, wiser, kinder, and more powerful. Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

PARENT TIME/WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Story Point: "God's people wanted a king like the nations around them."

Key Passage: Jeremiah 10 :6 "Lord there is no one like you. You are great; your name is great in power."

Gospel Gems from the Story: • God's people wanted a king to lead them. • Saul was the first king of Israel. • God sent Jesus to be our Savior and King.

Big Picture Question: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

Christ Connection: God planned for a heavenly king to rule over His people, but the Israelites wanted an earthly king like the people around them. God made Saul king, but King Saul did not obey God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be king over everything. King Jesus obeyed God perfectly and died so we can be forgiven.

