



Unit 7, Lesson 25

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: SAMUEL AND SAUL

1 SAMUEL 3; 8—12
(SELECTIONS);
15:10-11

THE STORY @ HOME

In today's Epic story, God spoke to Samuel as a young boy and chose him to lead the Israelite people. Samuel led for many years, but the people decided they wanted a king. This hurt Samuel's feelings, but God said, "It is not you they have rejected. They have rejected me as their king. Go ahead and give them a king." God told Samuel to choose Saul, a young man who was an entire head taller than anyone else in Israel, to be the king. However, after many years, Saul turned away from the Lord.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- God spoke to Samuel while he was still a young boy working with Eli in the Temple. Have you ever heard God speak to you?
- Why did God say to Samuel, "It is not you they have rejected; they have rejected me as their king?" In what ways do we reject God as our king?
- Why do you think the Israelites wanted a king?
- Saul turned away from God and started following his own ideas and doing things by his own power. Have you ever forgotten to follow God? What can you do to keep that from happening? What should you do if you realize you've stopped following God's ways?

TOGETHER @ HOME

Play a few rounds of Follow the Leader this week to spice up ordinary parts of your routine, such as while you are waiting for dinner or cleaning up toys. Choose a different person to be the leader each time, while everyone else mimics his or her actions. Then, talk about who you choose to follow...God or the king (or other cool people with power). In this week's Epic story, Saul forgot to follow God and started doing things his own way, which didn't work out very well.

BIBLE MEMORY @ HOME

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Draw a picture of some images that come to mind when you read this verse such as glasses, a magnifying glass, a strong person, or a face. Kids who can write can then "hide" the words of the verse in the picture by writing them in creative places, sizes and fonts.