



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel
Our desire is to see families use this resource as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19

UNIT 10: KING SAUL

When God’s people wanted a king to be like the nations around them, God warned them but gave them what they wanted. King Saul seemed to be the ideal king, but he proved not to be the king the people needed. When Saul sinned against God, God judged him and promised to remove him as king.

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Why does sin separate us from God?

Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God.

KEY PASSAGE:
ISAIAH 6:5

And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

JUNE 5 SESSION 1: ISRAEL DEMANDED A KING - 1 SAMUEL 8-10

CHRIST CONNECTION: God intended for a heavenly king to rule over Israel, but the Israelites did not trust God’s plan. They wanted a king like the nations around them. God had a better plan: to eventually send His Son, Jesus, to be the perfect King forever.



Family Discussion Starters:

- Why did the Israelites want a king?
- Why did Samuel warn the people not to want a king?
- Do you ever want things just because other people have them? Why?

Family Activity:

Play “king for a day” during the week, allowing family members to have a turn deciding what game to play, what movie to watch, or what dessert to eat. Discuss how earthly kings do what they want, but Jesus—our heavenly King—always does what God the Father wants.

JUNE 12 SESSION 2: GOD MADE SAUL KING - 1 SAMUEL 11

CHRIST CONNECTION: God chose Saul to be the Israelites’ king. With God’s help, Saul brought the Israelites together to defeat their enemy. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our King forever. Jesus brings together everyone who trusts in Him and gives us victory over sin and death.



Family Discussion Starters:

- What caused Saul to step up and lead God’s people?
- How many people did Saul gather to help the city of Jabesh?
- To whom did Saul give credit for the victory?

Family Activity:

Talk with church leaders or search online to find a group of church members or a local nonprofit serving your community that you can join for a service opportunity. After serving with the group, discuss how people working together can do more than everyone working alone.

JUNE 19

SESSION 3: SAUL SINNED AND WAS REJECTED - 1 SAMUEL 13-15

CHRIST CONNECTION: God gave the Israelites a king, but Saul did not obey God. God had a plan to send His Son, Jesus. King Jesus trusted and obeyed God perfectly and died so sinners could be forgiven and accepted.



Family Discussion Starters:

What mistake did Saul make twice in a row?

Does God care more about obedience or sacrifice?

Who always perfectly obeys and trusts God?

Family Activity:

Start a stopwatch and challenge family members to guess when two minutes have passed. Discuss how Saul waited far longer than two minutes for Samuel to arrive, but he still should have trusted and waited rather than disobeying God. Talk about what your family can do while you wait in different situations.

JUNE 26

SESSION 4: GOD IS GOOD TO JUDGE SIN - GENESIS 18

CHRIST CONNECTION: God is good to judge sin. He is the Judge of all the earth, and He always does what is right. God will punish the guilty. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus took the punishment our sin deserves, and everyone who trusts in Him is declared righteous before God.



Family Discussion Starters:

Why was God going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

What did Abraham ask of God?
What does it mean to be righteous?

Does God see us as righteous?
Why?

Family Activity:

Discuss a family-favorite movie or book series that has a “bad guy.” Imagine how the story would change without consequence for the “bad guy.” Say that because we all sin, we are all “bad guys.” God is good and right to judge sin. We can be saved from sin by trusting in Jesus.