

The Heart that Follows God

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Lesson Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

The people of Israel had the perfect King.



II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

A. Flashcard 1-1 (1 Samuel 8:1-3)

1. A man named Samuel was one of the judges. When you don't follow God as King, you also sin. [Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 1:7]
2. Samuel's sons went their own way.



B. Flashcard 1-2 (1 Samuel 8:4-5)

1. The people wanted to be like the other nations.
2. They didn't understand their purpose as a nation.



C. Flashcard 1-3 (1 Samuel 8:6-20; 1 Samuel 9:15-16)

1. Samuel prayed about the people's desire to be like the other nations. God wants you to take heed or guard your heart by knowing His Word and following what it says, even when it might look better to be like those who are around you. [Psalm 119:9]
2. God told Samuel to warn the people about what a king would be like.
3. God told Samuel the future king would be Saul.



D. Flashcard 1-4 (1 Samuel 9:1-27; 10:1, 17-26)

1. Samuel met Saul while Saul and a servant were searching for Saul's father's donkeys.
2. Samuel called the people together and anointed Saul as king.
3. The people got what they wanted.



E. Flashcard 1-5 (1 Samuel 13:5-9)

1. The Philistines started a war.
2. The Israelites were outnumbered and hid in caves.
3. King Saul couldn't attack the Philistines until Samuel came.
4. King Saul took matters into his own hands and offered the sacrifice himself.



F. Flashcard 1-6 (1 Samuel 13:10-13)

1. Samuel arrived and saw Saul had done things his own way. When you are tempted to follow others (or go your own way) instead of following God, remember who God is and that you are part of God's Kingdom. [Proverbs 4:23]
2. Saul made excuses for making the sacrifice without waiting for Samuel.
3. Samuel declared that Saul had done foolishly.

III. CLIMAX

(1 Samuel 13:14)

Samuel sadly told Saul that God is removing the kingdom from him and his sons after him.

IV. CONCLUSION

Saul went on to fight the Philistines many times.

This week, will you follow God as the King of your heart?

[Psalm 119:9]

Will you go God's way by believing in Jesus as your Savior from sin today?

[Romans 10:9]

Scripture verses in parentheses are background text.

Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.

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Lesson Overview

Scripture

1 Samuel 8:1-22; 9:1-27; 10:1, 17-26; 13:5-15

Memory Verse

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." (Psalm 119:9)

Teaching Objective

The saved child will follow God as King of his heart when he is tempted to follow others, remembering who God is.

Main Teaching

You can follow God as the King of your heart.

Emphasis for Unsaved

You can follow God when you believe in Jesus as your Savior.

Word Up!

Follow God!

Visual Aids

Flashcards 1-1—6

Lesson Type

Growth Narrative

Schedule

60 min 90 min

Small Group Time

Attendance; snack; check *Wonder Devotional* Books and "Quiet Time Sheets;" "Who Is in Charge?" discussion

Opening

Welcome; prayer; Word Up! teaching

Rules

Introduce rules (See UP's Rules chart in the Word Up! Booklet located in the GNC Resource Pack. The UP's Rules chart is also included in the Starter Resource Pack.)

Theme Song

"What's the News?" (visualized song)

Memory Verse

Psalm 119:9
Repetition: "Clean Up Motions"

Wonder Time™

"Books of the Old Testament"

Song

"King of My Heart"

Song

"Keep Your Way Pure" (Psalm 119:9-11)

Bible Lesson/ Invitation

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Song

"Christ Redeemed Us" (visualized song)

Review Game

"Who's the King?"

Missions Time

"Let's Get Started" (visualized song)
Lottie Moon, Part 1

Closing

Announcements; prayer; hand out "Quiet Time Sheets"