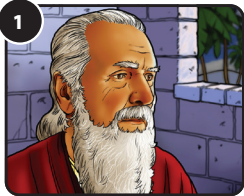


Lessons at-a-Glance

I. INTRODUCTION

The people of Israel had the perfect King.

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS



A. Slide 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.

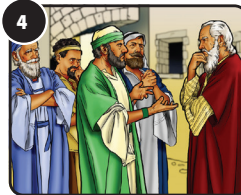


B. Slide 2 (1 Samuel 8:4-5)

The people wanted to be like the other nations.

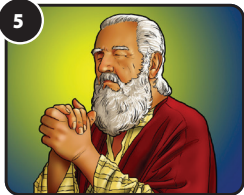


C. Slide 3 (Bible Map)



D. Slide 4 (1 Samuel 8:4-5)

They didn't understand their purpose as a nation.



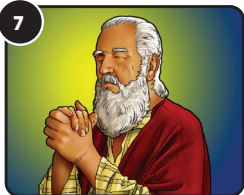
E. Slide 5 (1 Samuel 8:6-20;

1 Samuel 9:15-16)
Samuel prayed about the people's desire to be like the other nations.



F. Slide 6 (Word Up!)

 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]



G. Slide 7

1. God told Samuel to warn the people about what a king would be like.
2. God told Samuel the future king would be Saul.



H. Slide 8 (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.



I. **Slide 9** (Bible Map)



- J. **Slide 10** (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.



K. **Slide 11** (1 Samuel 13:10-13)
Samuel arrived and saw Saul had done things his own way.



- L. **Slide 12** (Word Up!)
- 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]



M. **Slide 13** (1 Samuel 13:10-13)

1. Saul made excuses for making the sacrifice without waiting for Samuel.
2. Samuel declared that Saul had done foolishly.



- B. **Slide 14** (Word Up!)
- 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]

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

- A. Saul went on to fight the Philistines many times.