

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. **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]
- 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**
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!)
- G. **Slide 7**
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]
- 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.
- K. **Slide 11** (1 Samuel 13:10-13)
King Saul took matters into his own hands and offered the sacrifice himself.
- L. **Slide 12** (Word Up!)
- M. **Slide 13**
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]
- N. **Slide 14**
Saul made excuses for making the sacrifice without waiting for Samuel.
2. 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**
A. Saul went on to fight the Philistines many times.
B. **Slide 14** (Word Up!)
- Reflection Questions:**
1. This week, will you follow God as the King of your heart? [Psalm 119:9]
2. 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	6	14
Opening		
Attendance; snack; check <i>Wonder Devotional</i> Books and "Quiet Time Sheets"; "Who Is in Charge?" discussion		
Rules		
Welcome; prayer; Word Up! teaching	2	5
Introduce rules (See UPs Rules chart in the Word Up! Booklet located in the GNC Resource Pack. The UPs Rules chart is also included in the Starter Resource Pack.)	2	2
Theme Song		
"What's the News?" (visualized song)	2	2
Memory Verse		
Psalm 119:9	7	10
Repetition: "Clean Up Motions"		
Song		
"Books of the Old Testament"	3	7
Wonder Time™		
"King of My Heart"	4	7
Song		
"Keep Your Way Pure" (Psalm 119:9-11)	2	2
Bible Lesson/ Invitation		
The Heart that Follows God	15	17
Song		
"Christ Redeemed Us" (visualized song)	2	2
Review Game		
"Who's the King?"	8	10
Missions Time		
"Let's Get Started" (visualized song) Lottie Moon, Part 1	5	8
Closing		
Announcements; prayer; hand out "Quiet Time Sheets"	2	4