

Fellowship Kids

Twos/Threes Lesson Plan - Sunday School

Sunday, September 28

UNIT 10 | SESSION 2

SAUL RESCUED ISRAEL

1 SAMUEL 11-13

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is the King who always obeyed God. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us from sin and death and gives us life with God forever.

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: PHILIPPIANS 4:19 - "And my God will supply every need of yours..." (ESV)

Preparation

Lesson Context

This Unit (4 weeks): In foolishness, God's people begged for a king like the nations around them. Though Israel rejected God as their king, God mercifully warned them and gave them the king they desired—King Saul. However, despite Saul's regal appearance, his foolish disobedience led to God's rejection of him as king. Instead, God replaced him with a man after His own heart to rule His people.

Volunteer Huddle | 8:45 a.m.

Meet in the Threes classroom (first floor) for prayer and important info for this Sunday.

Prep Room | 8:50 a.m.

- Pull out paper and crayons on tables (in Teacher Box)
- If you'd like, put music on the Spotify app on the Roku TV.
- Prep room for any activities you will do during the lesson.

Fellowship & Play Time | 9:00-9:15 am

One volunteer should greet children and families at the door.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Allow children time to engage with one another and play. Use this time to get to know your students and hear about their week. What was a good part/hard part or “yay duck”/“yuck duck” of their week?

MAGNATILES & COLORING

For free time before the lesson, ask children to come to the tables and give them the option to either 1) build with Magnatiles or 2) color (paper and crayons in Activity Box). Use this time to ask them questions about their week and get to know them.

During free time, especially because children are at such a young age, please keep a diligent eye and ear on their words and play with one another.

TRANSITION: Give children a *warning* before you ask them to come to a circle

SAY “Everyone, in 5 minutes we are going to pick up our toys and gather in a circle!”

Sing the clean up song and ask children to come find a seat in the circle.

Activity | 9:15 am

REVIEW CLASSROOM RULES

Post the **Rules Poster** (in Activity Box) somewhere in the room.

WALK AND WAIT

Sing or play upbeat worship music on the TV or your phone. Instruct children to walk or follow you around the room. When the music stops, say, “Wait!” and direct the children to stop and be as still as possible. Restart the music again, and repeat several times, always saying, “Wait on the Lord” after the music stops.

SAY *One day, the Philistines wanted to fight Israel. Instead of waiting for Samuel to ask God for help, Saul offered a sacrifice and prepared for battle anyway. Did Saul wait for the Lord? No! Saul did not wait. Let's learn more about it in our story today.*

Lesson | 9:20 am

Let children know your expectations during the lesson - that you would like them to sit quietly, keep their hands to themselves, listen to the story, etc.

1. Open the Bible & Pray

Open to **1 SAMUEL 11** in your Bible. **Reverently display the open Bible.**

SAY *Today we are going to be in the book of **1 Samuel!** Let's listen to this true story from the Bible.*

Pray quickly for your time in the Word of God.

2. Tell the Bible Story

Use the **visuals** (in Activity Box) if you'd like to help children follow along with the story.

SAUL RESCUED ISRAEL

Some of the friends of God's people needed help. They sent messages saying, "Help us!"

So, King Saul gathered a big army. Saul's army won! Everyone was happy, but Samuel was worried.

Samuel warned God's people, "If you listen to God and do what is right, everything will be OK. But if you disobey, you and the king will be swept away."

One day, the Philistines wanted to fight Israel. Instead of waiting for Samuel to ask God for help, Saul offered a sacrifice, which only Samuel was allowed to do. Saul prepared for battle anyway. Saul didn't wait.

When Samuel found out, Samuel told Saul, "You made a wrong choice. God wants people who will listen to Him. Now, He has chosen someone else to be king."

Christ Connection: *Jesus is the King who always obeyed God. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us from sin and death and gives us life with God forever.*

3. Review the Bible Story

- Was Saul patient to obey God? (*No*)
- What did Samuel say was the consequence for Saul disobeying and offering the sacrifice? (*He was not going to be king for very long; God was going to find a new king.*)

4. Pray

Memory Verse | 9:35 am

Open your Bible to **PHILIPPIANS 4:19** and lead the kids to repeat the abridged verse several times, using hand motions if you'd like:

"And my God will supply every need of yours..."

- PHILIPPIANS 4:19

SAY: *God rescued his people through Saul but Saul ultimately disobeyed. The king we truly need—who never disobeyed—is Jesus, and God has given him to us as our savior.*

DO MOTIONS

Create motions for the words of the verse. Invite children to follow along with the motions.

PLAY THE MUSIC VIDEO

Have the children repeat the verse with you several times. Then play the memory verse music video from the YouTube app on the Roku TV (*YouTube account should be Fellowship Kids (switch accounts on the top of the left sidebar if not) > go to Library on the left side bar > Choose Playlists on the top > choose your classroom*).

After the activity, invite children to sit at the tables to complete their activity pages.

Extra Activity | 9:40 am

SING + MOVE TO “I’M IN THE LORD’S ARMY”

Sing “I’m In the Lord’s Army” with toddlers. Consider creating motions for the song. Sing with toddlers several times.

SAY *What did Saul gather? King Saul gathered a big army. God’s people helped their friends and won the battle. Everyone was happy.*

Activity Pages + Transition | 9:45 am

ACTIVITY PAGES

Invite children to the tables and pass out the week’s **Activity Page** (in Activity Box) and **crayons** (in Teacher Box) to each child. Have them work on it as the new Worship Service volunteer team arrives.

TRANSITION TEAMS

The worship service volunteer team will switch into the classroom at 9:50. **Please do not leave the classroom until the next service’s volunteers have arrived and are ready to take responsibility for the class.** Call the Team Lead if the worship service volunteers have not arrived on time.



If needed, let them know about any pertinent information on children, the lesson, etc.

