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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 10 • Session 2

## SAUL RESCUED ISRAEL

1 Samuel 11-13

### WHO IS OUR KING?

**JESUS IS OUR KING FOREVER, AND HE RULES OVER THE WORLD.**

Israel had enemies from other nations. One of their enemies was the Ammonites. Nahash was a leader of the Ammonite army. He and his soldiers surrounded a town in Israel named Jabesh-gilead. The elders of Jabesh-gilead sent messengers throughout Israel to ask for help to defend their city. When Saul heard the people needed help, the Spirit of God came powerfully on him. He gathered a large army and came and defeated Nahash.

Then Samuel said, "Here is the king you have chosen. If you fear the LORD, then both you and your king will follow the LORD. However, if you disobey the LORD, His hand will be against you. Worship the Lord with all your heart."

Then the Philistines gathered to fight against Israel, so Saul summoned all his troops to join him at Gilgal. He waited seven days for the time Samuel had set, but Samuel had not arrived. So, Saul said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." Then he offered the burnt offering.

As soon as Saul finished making the burnt offering, Samuel arrived and said, "What have you done?" Saul answered, "When I saw you had not come at the scheduled time, I forced myself to make the burnt offering."

Samuel said, "You have been foolish. You have not kept the command the LORD gave you. God has found another leader, a man after his own heart. He will rule over the people because you have not done what the LORD commanded."

**Christ Connection:** Saul defeated enemy armies for Israel but failed to obey God. Jesus defeated our greatest enemies—sin and death—and always obeyed God. All who trust in Jesus will be saved and receive changed hearts that desire to obey God.

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