

>>> COMMUNITY KIDS <<<

GOD MADE SAUL KING

1 SAMUEL 11



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Ask God to help you be aware of those you might encounter who need to hear about Jesus' love and encouragement. Ask Him for boldness to serve those people. How might God use your family to point others to Jesus?
- **Evenings:** Thank God for sending Jesus to be the King over all kings! Think about all the ways Jesus is the perfect King. Make a list of the reasons and spend time praising Him for each one. How does Jesus bring together all those who trust in Him?

>>> MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

GOD CHOSE SAUL TO BE THE ISRAELITES' KING. WITH GOD'S HELP, SAUL BROUGHT THE ISRAELITES TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THEIR ENEMY. GOD SENT HIS SON, JESUS, TO BE OUR KING FOREVER. JESUS BRINGS TOGETHER EVERYONE WHO TRUSTS IN HIM AND GIVES US VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why does sin separate us from God?

Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God.

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Dear Families,

The American Bison is the largest mammal in North America, weighing up to 2,000 pounds! While their size is impressive, the way they protect one another is even more amazing. When danger is near, the herd of bison will circle around the young calves and weaker bison to protect them. The herd sticks together to keep every member safe!

The people of Jabesh were terrified when the Ammonite army surrounded their city. The men knew they were not strong enough to fight. Their only hope was for someone to come with help to save them, so they called on Saul. Saul gathered men from across Israel and Judah. Like bison who protect one another, the people came together to fight. The men defeated the Ammonites and saved the city of Jabesh. The people praised God and made Saul their king.

God used Saul to keep the Israelites safe and deliver them from their enemy, and the people trusted Saul as their king. When we needed an even greater rescue, God sent Jesus to save us from sin and deliver all those who believe in Him! When we realize all Jesus has done to save us, our response should be to worship Him as the King of kings!

God chose Saul to be the Israelites' king. With God's help, Saul brought the Israelites together to defeat their enemy. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our King forever. Jesus brings together everyone who trusts in Him and gives us victory over sin and death.

Pray: God, we praise You for sending Jesus to be our Deliverer. He has come to save all who believe in Him, and He offers victory over sin. Help us to trust in Him as King.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES ◀◀

For Fun: Choose a large object like a chair or couch that would be difficult for kids to move on their own. Allow each child the opportunity to lift the object using their own strength. Then, have all family members work together to lift the object using their combined strength. Remind kids of how the Israelites worked together to defeat their enemy and how God can use His people—the Church—to do more than we can do on our own.

To Serve: Talk with your church leadership or research online to find a group of people from your church or a local nonprofit serving your community that you can join as a service opportunity. After serving with the group, discuss how people working together can have a greater result than people working alone.



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

Then I said: Woe is me for I am ruined because I am a man of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Armies.

-Isaiah 6:5