

**King (1 Samuel 11-12) – Samuel: The Battle to See**  
**June 28-29, 2025**

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I Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, *1 Timothy 2:1 NKJV*

for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. *1 Timothy 2:2 NKJV*

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. *1 Timothy 2:3-4 NKJV*





...These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. *Acts 17:6 NKJV*

### **Is the Holy Spirit turning your world upside down?**

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But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” *1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV*

### **What happened after Saul became king?**

#### **What does God want us to learn?**

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So the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the hearing of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept. *1 Samuel 11:4 NKJV*

Now there was Saul, coming behind the herd from the field; and Saul said, “What troubles the people, that they weep?” And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh. *1 Samuel 11:5 NKJV*

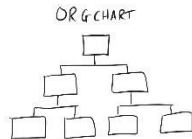
Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger was greatly aroused. *1 Samuel 11:6 NKJV*

So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, “Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to his oxen.” And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent. *1 Samuel 11:7 NKJV*

### **Godly leadership is a work of the Spirit – to lead like Jesus**

But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. *Mark 10:42 NKJV*

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. *Mark 10:43 NKJV*



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Is today not the wheat harvest? I will call to the LORD, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for yourselves.” *1 Samuel 12:17 NKJV*

So Samuel called to the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. *1 Samuel 12:18 NKJV*

And all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking a king for ourselves.” *1 Samuel 12:19 NKJV*

Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way. *1 Samuel 12:23 NKJV*

### **Godly repentance is a work of the Spirit – to fully turn to God**

For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. *2 Corinthians 7:11 NKJV*

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**Is the Holy Spirit turning your world right-side up?**

**This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:**

June 29- 2 Cor 10, Family Focus - 2 Cor 10:12-18

June 30- Ezek 37, Family Focus - Ezek 37:23-28

July 1 - Reflection & Prayer

July 2 - 2 Cor 11, Family Focus - 2 Cor 11:21-23

July 3 - 2 Cor 12, Family Focus - 2 Cor 12:5-10

July 4 - 2 Cor 13, Family Focus - 2 Cor 13:5-9

July 5 - Luke 1, Family Focus – Luke 1:5-25

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June 29

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**NURSERY**

## GOD MAKES THINGS GROW

**Memory Verse:** "God Makes Things Grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7

**Heart of the Lesson:** God makes plants grow

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned how to be glad that God makes things grow! We said our prayer thanking God for food that makes us grow big and strong! At your next meal, let your kid say a prayer thanking God for making them grow big and strong!

**GKJR**

## REVIEW AND OVERCOMERS

In this series we will review some epic stories from the New Testament. Then we will learn about some awesome overcomers in the Bible!

**Memory Verse:** "If God is for us who can be against us?" Romans 8:31b

**Heart of the Lesson:** Gideon | Judges 6:11-7:25

**Parent Connect:** Bake cupcakes with your kid this week and decorate them like this photo in the QR code to represent the torches in this week's story about Gideon. Talk about the story together and ask your kid how God helped Gideon overcome!

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**ELEMENTARY**

## follow the LEADER

EXAMINING SAUL, SAMUEL, AND DAVID'S LEADERSHIP

Samuel, Saul, and David were very different leaders, all chosen by God. In this series, we are going to examine what it looks like to follow a leader who is dedicated to God or to follow a leader who is dedicated to getting his own way. We will also discover who our true leader is and how we can follow Him before anyone else.

**Memory Verse:** For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not turned from my God to follow evil. 2 Samuel 22:22

**Heart of the Lesson:** God's way is always better | 1 Samuel 9-15

**Parent Connect:** Saul disobeyed God by taking matters into his own hands. Once we do something, we can't take it back, but we can ask forgiveness for what we've done. Practice this by putting shaving cream on your kid's hands and ask them to rub it in. Once it is super foamy, ask them to try and get it off all on their own. It's tough! But once they put their hands under some running water, it all washes away.



As we welcome our new 5th graders to G56 we want to pause and help them know what to expect in G56 as well as recast the vision behind why we do what we do in G56 to the 6th graders. We will discuss and practice the different elements of G56 including worship, Bible memorization, small groups, prayer and outreach through quick pics of G56.

**Memory Verse:** 1 Timothy 4:12 - "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

**Heart of the Lesson: Quick Pic: CONNECT through Small Groups Hebrews 10:24-25, Ephesians 4:15-16**

**Parent Connect:** This week we talked about and practiced small group time in G56. At Grace, we believe it is important to connect with our fellow believers to not only build each other up, but also to help each other grow in our walks with God. If your family is a part of a small group talk about the impact your Grace group has had on your spiritual walk and if your family hasn't yet joined reach out to the Connections Director and see if you can get connected to community yourself.