



Saul (1 Samuel 8-10) – Samuel: The Battle to See
June 21-22, 2025

Is God good?



Are people good?

One Vision: Seeing as God Sees

Who was Saul?

What does God want us to learn?

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,
1 Samuel 8:4 NKJV

and said to him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.” **1 Samuel 8:5 NKJV**

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” So Samuel prayed to the LORD. **1 Samuel 8:6 NKJV**

And the LORD said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

1 Samuel 8:7 NKJV

God was good to His people after they rejected Him

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? **Romans 2:4 NKJV**

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. **1 Samuel 9:1 NKJV**

And he had a choice and handsome son whose name was Saul. There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people. **1 Samuel 9:2 NKJV**

Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear the day before Saul came, saying,
1 Samuel 9:15 NKJV

“Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him commander over My people Israel, that he may save My people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come to Me.”

1 Samuel 9:16 NKJV

So when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, “There he is, the man of whom I spoke to you. This one shall reign over My people.” **1 Samuel 9:17 NKJV**

Saul looked good to people but lacked God’s character

...man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” **1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV**

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance? **1 Samuel 10:1 NKJV**

Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. **1 Samuel 10:6 NKJV**

And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you. **1 Samuel 10:7 NKJV**

Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, "Has the man come here yet?" And the LORD answered, "There he is, hidden among the equipment." **1 Samuel 10:22 NKJV**

God was good to Saul despite knowing Saul would reject Him

God is good to people after they reject Him

People can look good but lack God's character

God is good despite knowing people will reject Him

This week's [OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan](#):

June 22 - 2 Cor 5, Family Focus - 2 Cor 5:17-21

June 23 - Exod 34, Family Focus - Exod 34:29-35

June 24 - Reflection & Prayer

June 25 - 2 Cor 6, Family Focus - 2 Cor 6:11-17

June 26 - 2 Cor 7, Family Focus - 2 Cor 7:2-7

June 27 - 2 Cor 8, Family Focus - 2 Cor 8:7-15

June 28 - 2 Cor 9, Family Focus - 2 Cor 9:6-15

June 22

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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 God makes plants grow! As you're outside talk to your kid about all of God's glory in our environment. Play "I Spy" with different flowers, plants, trees and weeds!

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: Joshua | Joshua 1-12

Parent Connect: Today we learned that God helped Joshua overcome, even through hard moments like saying Goodbye to Moses. Look up saddleback Kids on YouTube and watch the videos on Joshua and ask your kid to find all the ways that God helped Joshua overcome.

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 is our ultimate leader | 1 Samuel 1-8

Parent Connect: Make your own "tin can telephone" and practice whispering sayings from one end to the other. It sometimes can be tricky to hear someone in a way we've never heard them before, but with practice and help from someone older, we can learn to recognize their voice. We can do the same thing with God!

G56

QUICK PICS OF G56



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 Worship and Prayer Psalm 100, Matthew 6:9-13

Parent Connect: This week we talked about the importance of worship and prayer as a part of G56 and our personal walks with God. Consider writing lyrics to some of your family's favorite worship songs or short little prayers on your driveway or sidewalk to encourage your neighbors as they walk by your home.