



Ministry

Samuel: The Battle to See - June 15, 2025

One Vision: Seeing as God Sees

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*

Samuel was faithful to God by His message

Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, “If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.” *1 Samuel 7:3 NKJV*

So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only. *1 Samuel 7:4 NKJV*

And Samuel said, “Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you.” *1 Samuel 7:5 NKJV*

So they gathered together at Mizpah, drew water, and poured it out before the Lord. And they fasted that day, and said there, “We have sinned against the Lord.” And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah. *1 Samuel 7:6 NKJV*

Samuel was faithful to God by His sacrifice

Now when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, they were afraid of the Philistines. *1 Samuel 7:7 NKJV*

So the children of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines." *1 Samuel 7:8 NKJV*

And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. Then Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord answered him. *1 Samuel 7:9 NKJV*

Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel. *1 Samuel 7:10 NKJV*

And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and drove them back as far as below Beth Car. *1 Samuel 7:11 NKJV*

Samuel was faithful to God by his consistency

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." *1 Samuel 7:12 NKJV*

So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. *1 Samuel 7:13 NKJV*

Then the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel recovered its territory from the hands of the Philistines. Also there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. *1 Samuel 7:14 NKJV*

And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. *1 Samuel 7:15 NKJV*

He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places. *1 Samuel 7:16 NKJV*

But he always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. There he judged Israel, and there he built an altar to the Lord. *1 Samuel 7:17 NKJV*

This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

June 15 - 1 Cor 16, Family Focus - 1 Cor 16:13-14

June 16 - Isa 25, Family Focus - Isa 25:8-9

June 17 - Reflection & Prayer

June 18 - 2 Cor 1, Family Focus - 2 Cor 1:1-7

June 19 - 2 Cor 2, Family Focus - 2 Cor 2:4-11

June 20 - 2 Cor 3, Family Focus - 2 Cor 3:7-18

June 21 - 2 Cor 4, Family Focus - 2 Cor 4:13-18

June 15

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NURSERY

GOD MADE ANIMALS

In this series, we focus in on Day 5 and 6 of creation, the days where God made the animals! We learn that God made every animal no matter where they may live on the earth.

Memory Verse: God made the animals. Genesis 1:25 (adapted for toddlers)

Parent Connect: Today we learned God made pets! Have your family pray for your pet, take them on a walk, give them a treat or snuggles. Don't have a pet? Make one! Rocks make great pets. Use markers or paint to design your own pet rock! Don't forget to give them a name!

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: Moses | Exodus 2-11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20

Parent Connect: Today we learned about how God helped Moses overcome. God helped Moses overcome the Red Sea, try making this snack with your kid this week and talk about how Moses parted the sea with God's help! <https://faith-filledfun.com/parting-of-the-red-sea-graham-cracker-snack/>

ELEMENTARY

THE STORY KEEPERS

THE ROMAN UNDERGROUND CHURCH

"The Story Keepers" is an animated Christian series set in ancient Rome, where a baker and his wife risk everything to protect persecuted Christians and preserve the stories of Jesus. The show blends historical setting with biblical teachings, portraying the bravery of early Christians facing Roman oppression.

Memory Verse: "Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." Ephesians 4:15

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is worth sharing with others! | Luke 10:30-37

Parent Connect: In today's episode of The Story keepers, our friend Anna shows an example of how we can be like the Good Samaritan. Read the story of the Good Samaritan and talk about ways you can serve those who need the love of Jesus!



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: GO through Outreach Mark 16:15

Parent Connect: This week we talked about the importance of going on the growth path and about our outreach partners. Consider either scheduling a visit with one of our local outreach partners, like Freedom Fire or doing a prayer walk through the local outreach partners on the church website. You can find our outreach partners at www.visitgracechurch.com/outreach