

Israel's First King

King Saul **DISOBEYED**
God. He offered a sacrifice
without Samuel...

... and spared
the king of
Amalek.





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Lesson Focus

Israel rejected God as king and instead asked Samuel for a human king. Samuel warned them what would happen with their kings, but the people insisted. God chose Saul to be Israel's first king. Saul began his reign in humble obedience to God, but then he disobeyed specific commands God gave him. For his disobedience, Saul would lose the kingdom, the Spirit of God, and his friendship with Samuel.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: 1 Samuel 8:6–7, 10:20–24, 13:5–12, 15:7–9, 15:22

Grades 4–5: 1 Samuel 8:6–7, 8:19–20, 10:20–24, 13:5–12, 15:7–9, 15:22, 13:13–14, 15:26, 15:35, 16:14

What You Heard in the Word

- The Israelites insisted on having a king, even after Samuel warned them that their kings would make them servants and take their best crops and animals. Samuel appointed Saul to be Israel's first king.
- Saul disobeyed God when he offered a sacrifice and when he spared the king and the animals of the Amalekites. For his disobedience, God rejected him as king and sent a harmful spirit to trouble him.