

Family Worship Guide: Lesson 15

Samuel

Main Idea

Beginning with Moses, God has spoken to His people through prophets—those called to communicate the revealed Word of God. Samuel was Israel’s last judge and the first in an era of prophets. He transitioned Israel from a period of rule by priests (ending with the death of Eli) and judges to a period of rule by kings.

Parents Read Ahead of Time

✠ 1 Samuel 1–9

✠ Hebrews 1:1–2

As you read, note how Samuel listens carefully to God, how Israel’s trust in the ark fails, and how this lesson prepares the way for Christ, our true Priest and King.

Read Together Aloud

✠ 1 Samuel 3:1–10

✠ 1 Samuel 7:3–10

✠ Hebrews 1:1–2

Lesson Review

Q How did Samuel respond to the Lord’s call?

A *Samuel listened to the Lord and obeyed Him.*

Q What helped Israel defeat the Philistines? What did not help?

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A *Trusting and obeying the Lord helped Israel; trusting the ark itself did not.*

Q What is a prophet?

A *A prophet is someone chosen by God to speak God's words to His people.*

Q How does God speak to us today?

A *God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible.*

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Q How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A *Christ executeth the office of priest in His once offering up Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.*

Q How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A *Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.*

Family Devotion Questions

Q Why didn't the ark of the covenant save Israel when they brought it into battle?

A *Because Israel trusted the ark instead of trusting and obeying the Lord.*

Q What did Israel need to do before God gave them victory over the Philistines?

A *They needed to repent, put away their idols, and trust the Lord.*

Q What job did God give Samuel to do for Israel, and how is Jesus greater?



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- A** *God made Samuel a prophet and judge to speak His Word and lead His people, but Jesus is greater because He is the true and final Prophet and the everlasting King who rules God's people forever.*

Prayer

Lord God, thank You for speaking to Your people through the prophets and for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our perfect Priest and King. Help our family to listen to Your Word, trust You fully, and obey You from the heart. Teach us not to rely on outward things, but to put our faith in You alone. Amen.