

*Read***1 Samuel 8-10**

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God.

CHRIST CONNECTION: God intended for a heavenly king to rule over Israel, but the Israelites did not trust God's plan. They wanted a king like the nations around them. God had a better plan: to eventually send His Son, Jesus, to be the perfect King forever.

DAILY LIFE DISCIPLESHIP: This week, try to have intentional conversations about desirable qualities in close friends. Share about some of your best friends. Ask your kids about character traits they might look for in a friend, and help them grow in discernment. Peer pressure is a powerful force, so help your kids to foster friendships with people who will point them to Christ.

— *Ask* —

Q. Are you surprised that God told Samuel to give the Israelites a human king? Why or why not? (*Discuss how the Israelites rejected God by asking for a human king. Guide kids to consider God's plan to save humans by sending Jesus as the perfect King to die and rise from the dead to defeat sin.*)

Q. Why is it important to follow God instead of trying to look like the people around us? (Lead kids to understand that trying to look like their neighbors caused the Israelites to reject God. Consider how rejecting God relates to sin, which separates us from God. Encourage kids by explaining that God sent His Holy Spirit to be with those who accept Him as the one true King in their life, so they will not be alone even if they are rejected by their peers.)

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“And I said: Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the lord of hosts!” Isaiah 6:5

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Worship as a family.

1. King of Kings
2. Holy, Holy, Holy