

Lesson #98: Saul Becomes King  
[1 Samuel 8:1-22](#); [9:1-2](#); [10:17-24](#)

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/K01wJLTtN9E>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/sdOncNUnREY>

**Worship Theme: God knows best.**

**Memory Verse:** "You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar." (Psalm 139:2)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Making Melody In My Heart <https://youtu.be/1th9e8PKFxs>
2. King of Kings <https://youtu.be/CPBqHYVwm3M>
3. He Is Lord <https://youtu.be/JWTOzAqGcyl>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Find the Leader"



1. Have the children to sit in a circle.
2. Select one child to leave the room, and when the child is outside the room, choose a leader to lead them in different motions.
3. When the child returns to the room, they have to guess who is leading the motions.
4. If the child guesses correctly, they will join the circle, and the leader will now leave the room, and the game repeats.
5. After the game, explain to the children that it was not easy to guess the leader because we do not know everything. But our God knows everything, and he knows what is best for us!

### Introduction:

As a Cambodian, do you know who has the most power in Cambodia? Who has more power than the prime minister? (Children may say that the king has the most power in Cambodia.) What is the name of the king? How many of you know the king? Does the king know you? He probably doesn't know your name. But there is one King who knows your name, and he knows everything. He is God our King! God knows what we want, and he knows what we need to be truly happy. Would you choose to trust this God? Today, let's find out what the Israelites chose to do.

### Bible Story:

In the Old Testament, most countries were ruled by kings. Kings were rulers of their countries, and they could do anything they wanted. People had to obey them. Kings were powerful. If the king was good, the people were happy. If the king was bad, the people suffered.

Who was the king of Israel? God was the king of Israel. God is all-loving, all-knowing, and always good. He knows best about everything because he is perfect.

In the Bible today, Israel decided they wanted to have a king - a human king. This wasn't a good idea, because God was supposed to be their king. But the people didn't want God as their king. They thought they knew best. They wanted a man to be their king instead. Samuel, who knew this was a wrong choice, tried his best to stop the people from making a wrong choice. In fact, even God said no because he knew it wasn't good for them. God knew that human king will make mistakes and make people suffer. Remember, God knows best. But Israel wouldn't listen. So finally, God gave them what they wanted. He chose a tall and strong man named Saul to be their king.

The people were happy, but Samuel and God were sad. Israel was supposed to obey God because God knows best. A human king would not always know best. The Israelites did not make the best choice.

There are many times in life when we do not know what is best for us. We must follow people who know better than we do. Israelites had Samuel, but they did not listen to him. We also need to remember that God knows everything. He knows what's best. We can choose to trust him with everything in our lives. The Israelites did not do that, and their choice made life much harder for them. Let's always follow God because he knows what is best for us.

**Questions to discuss:**

1. In the Old Testament, who ruled the countries? (kings)
2. Who was the king of Israel? (God)
3. What did the Israelites ask for? (A human king)
4. Who told them this was a bad idea? (Samuel and God)
5. Who did God give a the human king of Israel? (Saul)
6. What will happen to Israel because they chose a human king over God? (they will suffer)
7. Who is your king? (God)

**Game: "Train"**



1. Ask the children to stand in a line and hold each other's waist to make a train.
2. The leader will lead the group to run, to crawl under a table, turn right and/or left.
3. The children have to do their to stick together and follow the leader.
4. After the game, explain to the children that we need to listen and follow the leader. God is the true leader in our lives, so we should always listen to God and follow him.

**Memory Verse:**

"You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar." (Psalm 139:2)

**Craft: Saul Becomes King - Coloring Page**

Please print the coloring page from below for each child.

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

**Pray**

**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

Jesus doesn't force anyone to follow him. He wants us to love him as he loves us. We can choose an abundant eternal life by following him in obedience! Reread 1 Samuel 8:19-21. When have you stubbornly demanded your own way as the people of Israel did? How did your situation come out? God loves us, cares for us, and wants us to live for him. God wants the best for you. Commit today to seeking his guidance and following it obediently in your life.

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**Memory Verse:** \_\_\_\_\_

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