

Journal Page

Write about or draw a picture of a time you disobeyed God or someone God put in charge over you, such as a parent or teacher. What were the consequences of your actions?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What do you think Saul really cared about with his sacrifice?
- Why is it hard to trust God when we have to wait for things that we want right away?
- Can you think of a King whom God will never reject?



God Rejected Saul as King

1 Samuel 13:1-14; 15:1-35

MAIN POINT: GOD REJECTED SAUL AS KING BECAUSE OF HIS SIN.

Saul gathered an army. The Philistines, enemies of Israel, were in the land. The Philistines came out to fight the Israelites. The Israelites were outnumbered. They were all afraid; some of them hid.

Saul wanted to ask God for help. Maybe if he made an offering to God, they would win the battle. But only the priests were allowed to give offerings to God. Saul waited for Samuel, but Samuel did not come. Saul decided to make an offering to God himself.

Then Samuel showed up. "Saul, what are you doing?" Samuel asked.

"I wanted to ask for God's help before we went into battle" Saul replied.

"You have disobeyed God," Samuel said. "You will not be king much longer. God is going to find someone obedient to be king."

Some time later, God wanted Saul to attack the Amalekites. God said to kill all of the people and all of the animals. So Saul and his army fought the Amalekites. They won, but they did not destroy everything like God commanded. Saul only destroyed the worthless things and things he didn't want.

Samuel confronted Saul. "I did obey Him!" Saul argued. "I only saved the best animals to sacrifice to the Lord."

"You rejected His instruction, so God has rejected you as king."

Saul admitted his sin and pleaded for forgiveness. God was sorry He had made Saul the king of Israel.

Christ Connection: King Saul sinned by giving a sacrifice that only the priest was allowed to give. God rejected Saul as king, but He had a plan to send His Son, Jesus. King Jesus gave up His own life as a good and perfect sacrifice so sinners would be forgiven and accepted.

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Rejected!

Cross out every third letter to find out what today's Bible story is about.

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Main Point Mix-Up

Unscramble the words of today's main point.

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