

# Journal Page

Write about a time you felt cared for or safe. Write a few sentences of prayer to God to thank Him for caring for you directly or for putting people in your life to take care of you.



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How was demanding a king the same as rejecting God?
- Do you think Saul wanted to be king? Why or why not?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be our King forever?



## Israel Demanded a King

1 Samuel 8–10

**MAIN POINT: GOD CHOSE SAUL AS ISRAEL'S FIRST KING.**

Samuel was a judge over Israel. He had two sons, Joel and Abijah. Joel and Abijah were not good judges like their father was.

The leaders of Israel went to Samuel. "We don't want them to lead us; we want a king like the nations around us!"

Samuel wasn't sure how to respond, so he prayed to God.

God said, "Samuel, they are not rejecting you; they are rejecting Me as king."

Samuel warned the people that they would regret asking for a king, but the Israelites didn't care. "Give us a king!" they said.

Meanwhile, a wealthy man named Kish was looking for some of his donkeys that had wandered off. Kish told his son Saul to take a servant with him and search for the missing animals. Saul searched, but he was unable to find the donkeys.

"Wait," his servant said. "There is a man of God in this city. Let's talk to him; maybe he knows where we can find the donkeys." Saul and his servant found the man of God—it was Samuel.

"Don't worry about the donkeys," Samuel said. "They have been found."

Samuel invited Saul to have dinner with him. The next morning, Samuel told Saul that God had chosen Saul to be the king of Israel.

Samuel used oil to anoint Saul. "You will be king!" Samuel said.

Some time later, Samuel gathered the Israelites to introduce Saul, their new king. Saul stood among all the people. "Long live the king!" they said.

*Christ Connection: God intended for a heavenly king to rule over Israel, but the Israelites did not trust God's plan. So God chose Saul to be their king. God had a plan to one day send His Son, Jesus, to rule the entire world. Jesus would be the perfect King who would bring peace and salvation to the world.*

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# Donkey Roundup

Find and circle the 10 donkeys hidden in the picture. Round up 4 brown donkeys, 3 gray donkeys, 2 red donkeys, and 1 white donkey.



## God Chose a King

Find the words hidden in the picture. Then arrange them to form the main point of the Bible story.

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