



# Saul Becomes King

1 Samuel 8:1-22; 9:1-2; 10:17-24



**Bible Point:** God lets us choose to obey or disobey.



**Key Verse:** "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9b).

Use the following activities to further the application of this week's lesson in the lives of your family members.

## Discussion Starters

### Preschoolers

- Is it important to obey parents? obey God? Why?
- What happens when you disobey?

### Elementary Students

- What does it mean to obey God?
- How do you feel when you disobey? How does God feel?

### Youth

- What is the greatest challenge about following God in every area of your life?
- What does it feel like to know that God loves you even when you disobey?

## Talk Topics

- Talk about the different messages we hear in our culture today about doing things our own way. Talk about how those messages affect a person's ability to obey God.
- Talk about what God is calling your family to do and be. What would obedience look like for your whole family? Make sure, however, that you don't make choices without considering everyone's opinions.
- Talk about the lives of people in the Bible who didn't choose to be obedient to God and about the consequences of their actions.
- As a family, pray for those you know who are trying to live their own way, without God. Pray for their salvation and for a greater desire to obey God.

## Through the Week

Use the following passages to explore additional biblical insights about obeying God and not going our own way.

Monday—Ephesians 6:1

Tuesday—Jeremiah 7:23

Wednesday—1 John 2:3-6

Thursday—Colossians 3:23-25

Friday—Deuteronomy 11:26-28

Saturday—Titus 3:3-5

## Daily Challenge®

- Find other verses in the Bible that remind you of God's love and give you the confidence to make the kind of choices God wants you to make.
- What's one choice you're struggling with right now? Commit to seeking advice and encouragement from a trusted friend to figure out both God's will and your role in that situation.
- Help your friends and family to make good decisions. Listen to them as they share the things they're wrestling with right now, and remind them that God loves them and wants to help them make the right decisions, too.
- Tell your children stories from your childhood about times you disobeyed. Tell how your parents or teachers responded to your disobedience and how you felt about the consequences of your actions. You can also talk about times your children have disobeyed and how you responded to them. Be sure to apologize if your reactions were too harsh or to explain your responses if your children are confused or upset. Talk about how God's responses are both similar to and different from the responses of human parents.