



Unit Overview

Samuel



Samuel was a great leader of God's people in the Old Testament. His story falls within the God chose a special people element of the God's Unfolding Story. Samuel was the last of the judges and, as such, was the prophet and priest who led Israel during the transition from a confederation of tribes during the period of the Judges to the nation's monarchy. He is, therefore, a central figure in God's Unfolding Story. In fact, Samuel is introduced before he was even born through the prayer of his mother, Hannah. She prayed God would give her a child and promised the child would be dedicated to the Lord. God answered Hannah's prayer and Samuel became a great servant of the Lord and leader of God's people. He learned to serve and obey God as a child in the sanctuary at Shiloh under Eli's leadership. He later used those lessons and God's leadership to help Israel's first two kings (Saul and David) and hold them accountable. Samuel's life will provide many important lessons for older preschoolers. For now, we've chosen to focus on the following four lessons from Samuel.

Lesson 1: God Answered Hannah's Prayer (1 Sam. 1:1-20)
Bible Truth: God always hears me when I pray.

Lesson 2: Samuel Served God (1 Sam. 1:24-28; 2:11, 18-21, 26)
Bible Truth: God wants me to serve Him with a happy heart.

Lesson 3: Samuel Obeyed God (1 Sam. 3:1-10, 15-19)
Bible Truth: God wants me to obey.

Lesson 4: Samuel Followed God (1 Sam. 8-10)
Bible Truth: We show our love for God when we obey Him.

Kingdom Perspective

God's plan to fulfill His kingdom would be accomplished by sending Jesus, the Messiah, through a chosen people, Israel. Samuel was a key figure in leading Israel to be faithful to God in order to be the people He desired.

Making the Most of the "Samuel" Unit from God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers

The lesson plans and related resources for the above lessons can be purchased and downloaded from [ChurchCurriculum.com](#). In addition, there are a number of other helpful articles and resources on [SundaySchoolZone.com](#) that can help you be an effective teacher and make the most of this unit. Below is a list of helpful articles you can link to or download in "Getting Started with God's Unfolding Story."

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Lesson Components
Who Developed this Stuff?
Parents Connect
Scripture References and Bible Phrases
Why Are We Using Yahweh to Refer to God?
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God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers Study Plan
Preschoolers are Incredible People!
Where Is this Going?