

Questions on 1st Samuel:

Lesson: Hannah Prays for a Son

1. Who was Hannah's husband? (Elkanah)
2. Why did Hannah go to the Tabernacle to pray? (To ask God to give her a son.)
3. What did Hannah promise God if He answered her prayer? (She would bring the child back to Shiloh to serve the Lord all his life. The child would be a Nazirite.)
4. Who thought that Hannah was drunk because of the way she was praying? (Eli the priest.)
5. When Eli found out what she was doing, what did he promise her? (That her prayers would be answered at the same time next year.)
6. What did Elkanah and Hannah name their son, and what does his name mean? (Samuel = "heard of God")
7. How did Hannah fulfill her promise to God in regards to her son? (While he was young, Hannah brought Samuel to Eli to serve him in the Tabernacle.)
8. Did Hannah have any more kids? (Yes, she had three more sons and two daughters.)
9. How often did Hannah and Elkanah get to see Samuel? (At least once a year when they came to worship in Shiloh.)

Lesson: God Calls Young Samuel

1. What were the two ways that Eli served the Israelites? (He was a priest and one of the judges.)
2. What were the names of Eli's sons? (Hophni and Phinehas)
3. Did Eli require his sons to respect God's authority? (No)
4. How did God speak to Samuel? A. Through a dream; B. Through someone else, or C. Directly? (C. Directly)
5. How many times did it take Samuel (with Eli's guidance) to realize that it was God who was speaking to him? (Three times)
6. How did Samuel reply to God? (He said, "Speak, for your servant hears"—1 Samuel 3:10.)
7. What did God tell Samuel? (That Eli's sons would die because of their great sins against God.)
8. What did Samuel become known as to the Israelites? (A prophet of the Lord)
9. What was Samuel known to be the last of? (The judges)

Lesson: Saul Chosen to Become First King of Israel

1. Where did Samuel live? (Ramah)
2. How many sons did Samuel have? (Two)
3. Did Samuel's sons serve God? (No, they were known as wicked and dishonest men.)
4. Did the Israelites want Samuel's sons to lead them after Samuel? (No)
5. What did the Israelites want, that other nations had? (A king)
6. Why did the Israelites want a king? (They wanted to be like everybody else and not set-apart as holy people of God.)
7. How did Samuel respond to their request? (He was very upset, but he still went to God in prayer for guidance.)
8. What was God's response? (Although God was not pleased, he told Samuel to appoint a king.)
9. Whom did God choose to be king? (Saul—the son of Kish, from the tribe of Benjamin)
10. What did Samuel tell the Israelites in his final speech recorded in Scripture (2 Samuel 12)?
(To obey God, and he reminded them that God had provided for them and protected them since their ancestors left Egypt)

Lesson: Saul Chooses to Disobey God

1. What did God want King Saul and the Israelite army to do to the Amalekites? (To totally destroy them)
2. Did Saul obey God? (No)
3. How did Saul disobey God? (He did not kill King Agag, and he kept the best sheep and oxen alive.)
4. Was God pleased with Saul? (No, He regretted that He had made Saul king.)
5. What excuse did Saul give for his disobedience? (Saul said that the best animals were saved to give as a sacrifice to God, and that the people saved some for themselves.)
6. Who confronted Saul about his sin of disobedience? (Samuel)
7. What did Samuel say? (“...To obey is better than sacrifice...” (1 Samuel 15:22-23).
8. Because of Saul's disobedience, what did God take away from him? (The kingdom)
9. What three things did Saul lose because of his disobedience? (1. A close friend: Samuel; 2. The Lord's blessing; 3. The Kingdom)

Lesson: Saul's Jealousy of David

1. When God rejected Saul, Saul became moody, bitter, and angry. What did Saul use to comfort him? (Music played by David, the son of Jesse)
2. Name the four things that made Saul jealous of David. (1. David was becoming more popular with the people; 2. Michal, Saul's Daughter, loved David; 3. Saul knew that the Lord was with David and not him; 4. Jonathan, Saul's son, was a close friend of David)
3. Define jealousy. (Not being willing to share someone's love or attention; being hateful toward someone because of something he has or has done)
4. How did King Saul's jealousy make him act towards David? (Saul tried to kill him numerous times.)
5. Did David retaliate against Saul? (No)

Lesson: Saul Seeks Answers from the Woman of Endor

1. Were the Israelites supposed to stay away from people called sorcerers, witches, and mediums? (Yes)
2. What is a medium? (Someone who claims to speak to the dead.)
3. Why did Saul seek out a medium? (Saul wanted to speak to Samuel the prophet, who was dead.)
4. God brought Samuel's soul to speak to Saul; what did Samuel tell Saul? (That he and his sons would die)
5. How did Saul react to the news? (He was so frightened that he fell down, full-length on the ground, completely overwhelmed and weak.)

Bonus: Saul and Sons Die on Mount Gilboa

1. Which army defeated the Israelites and killed King Saul? (The Philistines)
2. How many recorded battles had there been between Saul's army and the Philistines?
(Three)
3. Name Saul's three sons that were killed during this battle. (Jonathan, Abinadab, and Machishua)
4. Which son of Saul's was left after the battle? (Eshbaal or Ishbosheth—2 Samuel 2:8-10)
5. How was Saul badly wounded? (Shot by Philistine arrows)
6. How did Saul die? (Saul fell on his own sword and killed himself.)