



Endor (1 Samuel 28) – Samuel: The Battle to See

Sunday, July 27, 2025

When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. *1 Samuel 28:5 NKJV*

And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets. *1 Samuel 28:6 NKJV*

Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "In fact, *there is* a woman who is a medium at En Dor." *1 Samuel 28:7 NKJV*

Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day. *1 Samuel 28:18 NKJV*

Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons *will be* with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines." *1 Samuel 28:19 NKJV*

God uses our desperation to help us run to Him

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe. *Proverbs 18:10 NKJV*

But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. *Luke 16:25 NKJV*

And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' *Luke 16:26 NKJV*

Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' *Luke 16:29 NKJV*

And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' *Luke 16:30 NKJV*

But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'" *Luke 16:31 NKJV*

God uses our choices to impact us for eternity

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, *Hebrews 9:27 NKJV*

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, *Hebrews 11:39 NKJV*

God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. *Hebrews 11:40 NKJV*

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, *Hebrews 12:1 NKJV*

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. *Hebrews 12:2 NKJV*

God uses our focus to help us run with endurance

This Week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

July 27 - Luke 17, Family Focus – Luke 17:11-19

July 28 – Deut 15, Family Focus – Deut 15:7-11

July 29 - Reflection & Prayer

July 30 – Luke 18, Family Focus – Luke 18:9-17

July 31 – Luke 19, Family Focus – Luke 19:28-48

Aug 1 – Luke 20, Family Focus – Luke 20:19-26

Aug 2 - Luke 21, Family Focus – Luke 21:1-4

July 27

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NURSERY

GOD MAKES THINGS GROW

Memory Verse: "God Makes Things Grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7

Heart of the Lesson: God Cares for Growing Things

Parent Connect: Today we learned God cares for growing things! He provides rain, sun, and food for things to grow. All things grow – like plants, animals and people. Start a growth chart for your kid using craft paper, a ruler for lines and a marker. Measure your kid periodically and show them how they can see themselves grow!

GKJR

CREATION & THE FALL

CREATION & ADAM & EVE



In this series, we are learning about God and His beautiful creation! We will learn the days of creation, the fall, and about some of the early men in the Bible.

Memory Verse: "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth." Isaiah 40:28b

Heart of the Lesson: Tower of Babel | Genesis 11:1-9

Parent Connect: Today we learned about the Tower of Babel. This week, make a tower with your kid using mini marshmallows and toothpicks as you read the story together (found in Genesis 11: 1-9.)

ELEMENTARY

follow the LEADER

EXAMING SAUL, SAMUEL, AND DAVID'S LEADERSHIP

Samuel, Saul, and David were very different leaders, all chosen by God. In this series, we are going to examine what it looks like to follow a leader who is dedicated to God or to follow a leader who is dedicated to getting his own way. We will also discover who our true leader is and how we can follow Him before anyone else.

Memory Verse: For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not turned from my God to follow evil. 2 Samuel 22:22

Heart of the Lesson: God Gives Us Direction | 1 Samuel 23

Parent Connect: David sought God's direction, even when the answer seemed obvious or his men were afraid. We should always ask God for guidance. Grab a dice and create a list of 6 tough decisions we might face as believers, each paired with a number. Take turns rolling the dice and answering how you would think you would respond to the situation in the moment. Then, answer how you think God would ask you to respond. Remind everyone that we can't know how God will ask us to respond to a specific situation, but we can have faith that He won't lead us astray.

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

ANSWERING HARD QUESTIONS



Once a year we take questions that our students have asked in G56 and we answer them. This year our Student Directors will be answering student's questions about God, the Bible, Satan, Salvation and more through a biblical lens.

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:24 Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on a solid rock.

Heart of the Lesson: You Asked For It: How do I know I'm 'in'? Answer: You are a Christian if you have given your life to Jesus, not because of anything you do, but because of what He has done for you. Romans 10:9, Romans 10:13, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12, 1 Corinthians 12:12

Parent Connect: This week we talked about what it means to be in. Knowing that you are a believer, knowing that you have a community and knowing that you have a hope in heaven. Parents this is a great opportunity to share the story of how you gave your life to Christ and what it feels like to be in community with fellow believers and know that you have a personal relationship with Jesus. If your student hasn't given their life to Jesus yet, you can walk them through the ABC's ([linked here](#)) and let them know that they can be in too.