



**Getting What You Want: Saul (1 Samuel 9-15) – Like Everyone Else**  
Tim Howey - May 7/8

**One Story Resources** – Day 127

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**Following Jesus means resisting the pressure to be like everyone else**

**Following Jesus protects you from getting what you want**

**You'll get things that look better than they are**

And he had a choice and handsome son whose name was Saul. There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people. **1 Samuel 9:2 NKJV**

Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, "Has the man come here yet?" And the Lord answered, "There he is, hidden among the equipment." **1 Samuel 10:22 NKJV**

So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. **1 Samuel 10:23 NKJV**

And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?" So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"  
**1 Samuel 10:24 NKJV**

## **You'll get people who justify their mistakes**

Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. **1 Samuel 13:8 NKJV**

So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering.  
**1 Samuel 13:9 NKJV**

Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. **1 Samuel 13:10 NKJV**

And Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* you did not come within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, **1 Samuel 13:11 NKJV**

then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering." **1 Samuel 13:12 NKJV**

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. **1 Samuel 13:13 NKJV**

But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him *to be* commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." **1 Samuel 13:14 NKJV**

## **You'll get people who are selfish or unfaithful**

But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was* good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed. **1 Samuel 15:9 NKJV**

Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed *are* you of the Lord! I have performed the commandment of the Lord." **1 Samuel 15:13 NKJV**

But Samuel said, "What then *is* this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" **1 Samuel 15:14 NKJV**

And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

**1 Samuel 15:15 NKJV**

So Samuel said: "Has the Lord *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams.

**1 Samuel 15:22 NKJV**

For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from *being* king."

**1 Samuel 15:23 NKJV**

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. **Romans 12:2 NKJV**

**This Week's [One Story Bible Readings](#):**

- 127. 1 Samuel 17, Psalm 23, 2 Samuel 21:15-22
- 128. 1 Samuel 18, Proverbs 14:30, James 3:13-16
- 129. 1 Samuel 19, Psalm 59, Psalm 56:3-6
- 130. 1 Samuel 20, Proverbs 27:4-10, John 15:12-17
- 131. 1 Samuel 21; Psalm 34; Matthew 12:1-8
- 132. 1 Samuel 22:1; Psalm 142; Psalm 57
- 133. Reflection and Prayer

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NURSERY

# GOD IS WITH US

DAVID AND GOLIATH



In this series, we will be learning the story of David and Goliath. We will learn that even though we are small, God is always with us!

**Memory Verse:** God is with us. Joshua 1:9c (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Is With Us All the Time

**Parent Connect:** Hop on a computer or tablet and head over to [visitgracechurch.com/kids](http://visitgracechurch.com/kids). Click on the nursery door to visit our Nursery Virtual Classroom. Help your toddler click around on different objects in the room to hear songs, watch video clips of our story, and even taste a yummy snack! We add new ideas to the virtual classrooms every week!

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# ISRAEL GETS A KING

PART FIVE OF OUR WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE



This month we will be learning about how Israel wanted a king so they could be like everyone else. We will be learning about Israel's first king, Saul and how he wasn't following God. Then we will learn about Israel's second king, David and how he did have a heart like God and God was with him.

**Memory Verse:** "The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need." Psalm 23:1

**Heart of the Lesson:** Listen To God and Obey - Israel Wants a King - 1 Samuel 8, 9, 10:1, 13, 15

**Parent Connect:** Play Simon Says with your kid. When you're done say, "**Do you think King Saul would have been good at this game? When Samuel told Saul what God wanted him to do, did King Saul listen and obey God ? (No!) Can we please God by listening to Him and obeying Him? (Yes!)**"

ELEMENTARY

# GPS

PART FIVE OF OUR WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE



In this three week series, we will be continuing through the One Story and discovering how Israel tried at times to be like everyone else, but God calls His people to be different from everyone else. We will be thinking about how a GPS helps you get to your destination and shows you the way to go and relate it to how God leads us.

**Memory Verse:** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

**Heart of the Lesson:** Follow what God says - King Saul - 1 Samuel 13, 15

**Parent Connect:** King Saul had a hard time following what he was told to do. Review the story and ask your kids why it's important to follow God when it's not what they want to do or when they don't think he's in control. (Read Psalm 34:4)



In this series, we will be continuing through One Story and discovering how God showed the Israelites that He was Among Us but Israel tried at times to live like an Imposter. God calls His people to be different from the world. In what ways are you tempted, like Israel, to forget who you are?

**Memory Verse:** We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. 2 Corinthians 6:8

**Heart of the Lesson:** How was King Saul living like an Imposter from God's plan? - 1 Samuel 15

**Parent Connect:** Find a verse that reminds you to trust in God and obey Him completely. Write it down on a post-it note and put it somewhere you will see it often!

## SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

# LIKE EVERYONE ELSE

Following Jesus Makes You Unlike Everyone Else



As we continue through the Bible, we see that God wanted His people to live differently than the world! Just like God wanted the Israelites to live differently than other nations, He wants us to live differently than the world too!

**Memory Verse:** Romans 12:2a (NIRV) "Don't live the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you"

**Heart of the Lesson:** Following Jesus protects you from want you want (Saul Becomes King - 1 Samuel 13 & 15)

### Connect:

- The people chose a king and got Saul. Was he a good king or a bad king?
- If the Israelites followed God's plan, would they have had a bad king?
- Is trusting and following God better than getting what you want all the time?
- Who can you encourage to follow God rather than doing what they want?