

APPLYING THE BIBLE LESSON TO TODAY'S CHILDREN

The BIBLE LESSON is a Bible story which includes the *GOSPEL*, a *PERSONAL APPLICATION* about sin, and an *INVITATION* for the unsaved child. It will also emphasize one *MAIN TRUTH* or teaching point with a *PERSONAL APPLICATION* and a *CHALLENGE* for the saved child.

THE UNSAVED CHILD - Three basic parts of the lesson for the unsaved child:

1. GOSPEL

The Gospel message should be woven throughout the Bible lesson. It should include these Bible truths:

God loves you and me

Only sinless Son of God

Sin - You and I have sinned

(Use Scripture verse)

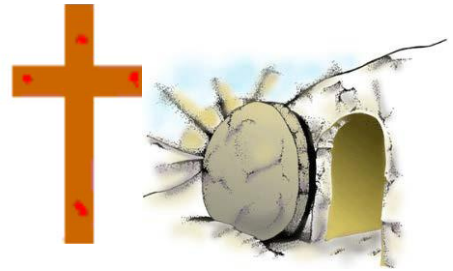
Precious blood of Jesus paid for sin

(Use Scripture verse)

Ever living - Risen Saviour

Let Christ in - Receive Him

(Use Scripture verse)



2. PERSONAL APPLICATION FOR THE UNSAVED

The purpose of the personal application for the unsaved child (PAU) is to explain the sin issue. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE REMAINDER OF THE GOSPEL. It is not the invitation. It should come as early as possible in the lesson so the Holy Spirit can begin to convict the child of sin.

The personal application for the unsaved child explains the sin issue with the personal YOU, examples or illustrations of sin, and Bible verse.

3. INVITATION

The invitation usually comes at the end of the Bible lesson, but it could come earlier. It will invite the child to receive Christ as Saviour. A Scripture verse should be used and explained.

THE SAVED CHILD - Three basic parts of the lesson for the saved child:

1. MAIN TRUTH

The Main Truth is the teaching point for the Christian child which you want to stress several times throughout the lesson. It will be a simple statement of Bible doctrine or Christian growth.

2. PERSONAL APPLICATION FOR THE SAVED

The purpose of the personal application for the saved child (PAS) is to explain the Main Truth. It will include the personal YOU, examples or illustrations, and a Bible verse.

As you think about examples or illustrations to explain the Main Truth, ask yourself these questions: *When? Where? How?* The Bible verse will answer the question *Why?*

For example:

WHO?	P ersonal you	“YOU” should be predominant word rather than “we” or “us”
HOW?	A pply by example	Examples to explain Main Truth
WHY?	S cripture	A Bible verse which gives proof of the Main Truth

3. CHALLENGE

The challenge usually comes at the end of the Bible lesson. It should encourage the Christian child to put into action the teaching of the Main Truth and personal application for the saved child.

NOTE: We realize there are many methods of Bible lesson preparation and presentation, and that this method is not the only way to teach. However, we trust that as you study these lesson helps they will be beneficial in filling in some of the details of the lesson.



DAVID – Lesson #1

ISRAEL CHOOSES A KING

- SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 8 – 10
- MEMORY VERSE:** 1 Corinthians 15:3,4 “...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”
- VISUALS:** Flashcards: 1-1 – 1-6
- MAIN TRUTH:** God wants you to understand His will.
- BASIC OUTLINE:**
- I. INTRODUCTION
 - A. BEGINNING STATEMENTS
 - B. TRANSITION
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 - FLASH CARD 1-3
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 - B. BRIDGE
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 - D. CHALLENGE

I. INTRODUCTION

A. BEGINNING STATEMENTS

A long time ago, God chose a group of people called the Israelites to become His own special people. He rescued them from being slaves and gave them a good land to be their home country. God sent them leaders called judges and prophets to speak His word to them and to remind them to obey His laws. When our true lesson from the Bible begins, God's prophet and judge was a man named Samuel.

Samuel had first heard God's voice when he was only a little boy. He had spoken for God to the people all his life.

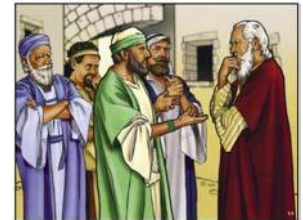
B. TRANSITION

But now Samuel was old and the leaders of the Israelite people worried. They worried because when Samuel died, they would not have anyone to guide and advise them.

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

FLASHCARD 1-1

One day, all the leaders went together to Samuel's home. "Samuel," they said, "you are getting older, and your sons don't live like you do. Give us a king to judge us, like all the other countries."



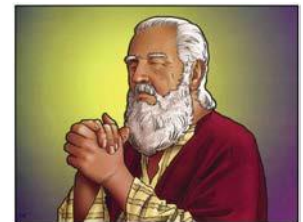
III

Have children chant together, "*Give us a king! Give us a King!*"

FLASHCARD 1-2

Samuel was not happy to hear those words. He prayed to God about what the leaders had said.

God answered Samuel's prayer right then. He said, "Listen to everything that the people say to you. They have not rejected you from being their leader, but they have rejected Me. They do not want Me to rule over them. This is what they have been like, ever since the day I first set them free from being slaves in Egypt."



God knew the people were asking for a king because, in their hearts, they did not want to obey God or trust Him as their king. They wanted a man to take care of them and protect them, even though only God could do that. The people wanted their own way and not God's way and that was sin.

But they are not the only ones who want their own way. We also want our own way, that too is sin.

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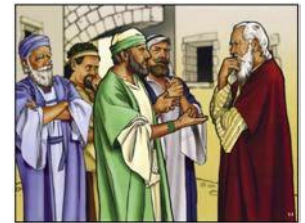
The Bible says that you and I have sinned. We think, say, and do things, that are wrong and do not please God. The Bible says, **Isaiah 53:6** “*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way . . .*” You and I are like sheep, we want our own way too. Have you ever wanted your own way? (*Ex. When your parents tell you to do your homework before you play with your friends and you get angry and stomp your feet because you don't want to*). This is just one way we sin when we don't get our own way.

The Israelite leaders were sinning by not wanting God's way but wanting their own way.

God said to Samuel, “Do what they say, but seriously warn them about what a king will be like. And what it will be like to have a king who doesn't want God's way but wants his way and the way of the people.”

FLASHCARD 1-1 (Repeated)

So Samuel told the Israelite leaders everything God had said. “The king who rules over you will take your sons to be his guards and to take care of his horses and his chariots, and he will make them join his army. He will make them work for him as farmers, planting seeds and gathering what grows. The king will take your daughters to work in his kitchens as cooks and bakers. He will take your best fields and vineyards, and he'll make you give him part of everything you grow so he can give it to those who work for him. He'll take your best servants and make them do his work. He will take some of your donkeys and sheep. You will become his slaves.”



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Have children stand and act some of the king's jobs: guard (stand at attention), care for horses (pretend to brush a horse), army (salute), farmer (make as if hoeing ground), baker (knead dough and toss it).

“Then you will cry out and complain because of how the king that you have chosen is treating you. But, on that day, the Lord will not hear you.”

But the leaders would not listen to Samuel's serious warning. “No!” they said, “we want a king to rule over us, so we can be like all the countries around us. Our king can be our judge and go out and fight against our enemies for us.”

They didn't care at all about God's warning or about what God wanted! They didn't want God's way or His will for their lives. To disobey God was very serious.

MT

God wants you to understand His will.



Boys and girls, if you have already believed in Jesus as the only ONE who can save you from the punishment of sin, then God wants you to understand His will. This boy is letting his dad help him read the Bible because he wants to know how to live to please God. God will help you and me understand what He wants us to do. He tells us in His Word, the Bible.

But the Israelite people did not care about what God wanted. Probably shaking his head in amazement, Samuel told God the people's answer.

“Then do what they say and give them a king,” God said.
But maybe Samuel wondered, *How will I know who this king should be?*

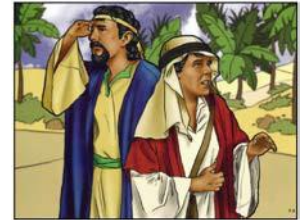
Well, God had a plan. In another part of the country of Israel, a man named Kish had lost his donkeys. Kish decided to send out his son, Saul, and a servant to look for them.

IH “Walk” fingers of one hand from shoulder of other arm to elbow.

The Bible tells us that Saul was a handsome young man. He was so handsome that no one in Israel could say they were better looking than he was. He was so tall that everyone else only came to his shoulders.

FLASHCARD 1-3

The Bible says that Saul and the servant looked long and hard, traveling farther and farther away from home, but the donkeys were nowhere to be found.



IH “Walk” fingers of one hand from elbow of other arm to wrist.

Finally, Saul said to the servant, “Come, let’s go home. We’ve been gone so long that my father will soon stop caring about the donkeys and start worrying about us.”

The servant must have thought for a moment. Then he said, “There is a man of God in the city near here who is a good man and when he speaks for God, everything happens just like he says it will. Let’s go to him. Maybe he can tell us which way we should go.” So Saul and his servant turned toward the city.

As they arrived, they met some young girls who were coming out to get water from the well. When they asked them about the man of God, the girls told them that he had just arrived to join in a special sacrifice and celebration to God. This sacrifice was a reminder to the people that one day God would send a Saviour who would take away their sins forever. God kept this promise. The Bible tells us that God always keeps His promises.

O Many years later, God sent His only Son Jesus to this earth. Jesus was born as a little baby and grew up to become a man. He was different from you and me. Jesus was perfect, He never did anything that was wrong. Jesus was the Saviour God promised to send for you and me.

God kept His promise.

When the Israelites made a sacrifice, they were looking forward to the day when the Saviour God promised would come.

The man of God would have an important part of the sacrifice and celebration.

“You’ll catch him before he gets there if you go right now,” the girls said.

Sure enough, as Saul and his servant hurried down the street, they saw a man coming towards them. It was the man of God, Samuel!

The Bible tells us that the day before this, something amazing had happened to Samuel. God whispered in his ear that the next day He would send him the man who he should make the king of Israel. (1 Samuel 9:15)

When Samuel saw Saul walking towards him, God spoke to him again, “Here is the man I told you about. He will rule over My people.”

FLASHCARD 1-4

Saul called out to the old man, “Please tell me where the prophet’s house is.”



“I am the prophet,” Samuel answered. “Come with me to the celebration, and you will eat with me today. Tomorrow I will let you go home. As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, don’t worry about them, for they are found. But who is all Israel looking for? Isn’t it you and your family?”

IH

Say, “*Show me how many days the donkeys were missing.*”

Saul must have been shocked! “But I am from the smallest tribe in Israel, and my family is the least important family in our tribe. Why are you speaking this way to me?”

Samuel didn’t answer. He just hurried Saul and his servant to the celebration and sat Saul down in the best place at the table.

Samuel told the cook to bring out the best piece of meat and put it on Saul’s plate.

“I made sure this meat was saved for you,” he told Saul.

When the meal was over, Samuel took Saul back to where he was staying and talked with him for a long time. The Bible doesn’t tell us for sure, but they must have talked about God. Samuel loved the Israelite people, and he wanted them to have a good king who would love God and obey Him.

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Do you know that God loves you? He does. He knows your name, where you live, and everything about you, and He loves you more than anyone else could ever love you.

Samuel loved the Israelite people and wanted them to have a good king who would love God and obey Him.

Early the next morning, Saul and his servant were ready to begin their trip back home. Samuel walked with them until they came to the end of the city.

“Tell your servant to go on ahead,” Samuel told Saul. “But you stay here with me a while, so I may tell you God’s word.”

FLASHCARD 1-5

Then Samuel took out a little bottle filled with oil and poured it over Saul’s head. “Because God has anointed you to be the captain over His people,” he said.



IH

Have children take their flask of oil and pour it over his head.

Pouring oil over Saul meant that he had been chosen by God for a special job. God had chosen him to be their king.

This reminds me of Someone who was more important than Saul. The ONE God had chosen to do a special job. His name is Jesus.

P, E

Heb. 9:22

God chose Jesus, His own Son, to give His blood and to die for the sins of every person. Jesus was nailed to a cross made out of wood and gave His precious blood there so that He could take on Himself the punishment that you and I deserve. The Bible says, “. . . ***And without shedding of blood is no remission*** (forgiveness).” After Jesus died, His friends took His body down from the cross and buried it in a cave (grave). But three days later, Jesus came out of that grave alive! He is alive today. He will never die again.

This was something that only Jesus could do for you and me. God chose His Son Jesus to be the one and only Way for you and me to have our sins forgiven.

In our Bible lesson today, God chose Saul to do a special job for his people at that time.

Samuel said to Saul, “When you leave me, you will meet a group of prophets who will be playing musical instruments and speaking God’s words. God’s Spirit will come upon you.” Saul’s heart would be changed so he could speak God’s Word to them with new heart.

Saul did meet the prophets on the way home, exactly like Samuel said he would.

When those who knew Saul saw him walking with a group of prophets and speaking God’s words, they were amazed! “What has happened to the son of Kish?” they asked each other in surprise. “Is Saul also one of the prophets?”

When he got home, his family asked him what had happened to him. Saul just told them that he had been to see Samuel and that Samuel had told him the donkeys were found. Saul said nothing about becoming a king.

It wasn’t long before Samuel called all the people of Israel together. He said, “This is what God says, ‘I brought you out of the land of Egypt and rescued you from all your enemies.’ Yet this day, you have rejected your God, who Himself saved you out of all your troubles, and you have said to Him, ‘No, put a king over us.’”

God knew that His people did not want to understand His will for them.

MT, PAS

Eph. 5:17

God wants you to understand His will.



If you have received Jesus as your personal Saviour, then God wants you to know and understand His will for your life. The Bible says, “***Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.***” (Ex. When you spend time reading the Bible then you can know God’s will. God will help you know and understand what He wants you to do. For example, God wants you to be kind to others, even when they are unkind to you.) I’m sure there are some things that you already know that God wants you to do right now. The more you do God’s will that you already know, the more you will understand what God wants you to do now and in the future.

The Israelite people knew what God wanted, but they didn’t care or want to understand. So Samuel asked each tribe, a group of people who are related to each other, to step forward. Somehow, God let them know that the king would come from the tribe of Benjamin. That

was Saul's tribe. Then Samuel asked every family in the tribe of Benjamin to step forward, and a certain family was chosen. It was Saul's family. Then Samuel announced that Saul, the son of Kish, was the man God had chosen.

But where was he? The people began to look around. Saul wasn't there!

IH Have children "look around" for Saul and say, "*He isn't here!*"

So they asked God to show them where Saul was.

"He is hiding among the supplies you have brought," God answered.

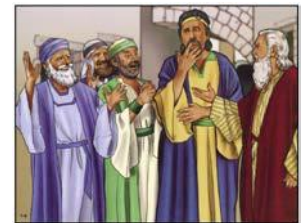
Quickly some people ran to the supplies. "Here he is!" they must have shouted.

IH Shout together, "*Here he is!*"

FLASHCARD 1-6

When they pulled Saul up in front of everyone, it was clear that he was taller than any of the others.

"See him who the Lord has chosen?" Samuel said. "There is none like him among all the people."



III. CLIMAX

Saul was chosen to be their king!

IV. CONCLUSION

A. CLOSING STATEMENTS

"God save the king!" the people shouted excitedly.

IH Shout together, three times, "*God save the king!*"

Hiding in the extra stuff doesn't sound like a good way to start your job as the king, does it? The people didn't seem to care.

But as they were leaving, a few people grumbled, "How will this man save us?" Not everyone was sure that Saul would be a good king.

B. BRIDGE

A king might save the Israelites from the punishment of the enemy soldiers, but no person could save them from being separated from God because of their sin. Only God could save them from their sin.

C. INVITATION

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John 3:16

Have you been saved from the punishment of your sin? God has made a way for that to happen. The Bible says, *“For God so loved the world (you and me), that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish (be separated from God), but have everlasting life (in Heaven).”* You need to admit to God that you have sinned and that you deserve to be punished for your sin. You need to believe that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin, so you don’t have to be punished. You need to believe that He came alive again and that Jesus is the only One who can save you. Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you are you ready to believe in Jesus to forgive you and to receive Him as your personal Saviour, you can show me by raising your hand. (Pause) You may all look up now. Thank you. (Tell them when to come and where to go for counseling.)

D. CHALLENGE

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Eph. 5:17

God wants you to understand His will.



When you have already believed in Jesus as your Saviour, and you know He has forgiven you of your sins. Then remember, God wants you to understand His will. We talked about a verse in the Bible that says, *“Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”* If you care about what God wants, then you will read the Bible to know His will and what He wants you to do and do the things you **already** know God wants you to do. Will you do these things? I hope you will!