

# GOD REJECTED SAUL BECAUSE OF SAUL'S DISOBEDIENCE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 SAMUEL 13:3-4, 7B-14



## The STORY

Read the story of Saul's disobedience (1 Samuel 13:3-4, 7b-14) from the ESV Bible.

***Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (Saul didn't wait for Samuel to come but offered the burnt offering up to the Lord himself.)
- Why did Saul disobey? (The Philistine army was upon them and all of Saul's soldiers were afraid and began to run away.)
- What did Samuel say when he arrived? (Saul made a foolish mistake and that his kingdom would not endure. God would choose another leader who would be a man after God's heart.)

## CRAFT QUESTIONS

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: men running afraid of the Philistines. Engage the children by asking:**

- Why were these men afraid? (They thought the Philistines were going to attack and destroy them.)
- What would a man after God's heart do in a situation like this one? (He might have called all the men together to remind them of all God had done in the past so they would not be afraid.)

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack engage the children by asking:

- How do we know the men with Saul didn't trust the Lord? (We know the men didn't trust the Lord because they got afraid and ran away.)
- What should the men with Saul have done? (They should have prayed to the Lord and asked him to deliver them.)

### Where is Jesus?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

As a king, Saul failed. One day God would anoint another man to be king who would not fail. Even when it was difficult, Jesus (the greatest king) obeyed God. The difficult task in front of Jesus was to die on the cross, see Acts 13:22-23.

When faced with the cross, Jesus prayed to His father in heaven saying, "not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42) Saul placed his own will above God's, Jesus did not. As a result of Jesus' obedience, we have salvation through His sacrificial death.

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

