

KING SAUL OFFERS A SACRIFICE

1 Samuel 13:1-22

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¹Saul was [thirty] years old when he became king, and he reigned over Israel [forty-] two years.

²Saul chose three thousand men from Israel; two thousand were with him at Micmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan at Gibeah in Benjamin. The rest of the men he sent back to their homes.

³Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba, and the Philistines heard about it. Then Saul had the trumpet blown throughout the land and said, "Let the Hebrews hear!" ⁴So all Israel heard the news: "Saul has attacked the Philistine outpost, and now Israel has become a stench to the Philistines." And the people were summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.

⁵The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Micmash, east of Beth Aven. ⁶When the men of Israel saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns. ⁷Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead.

Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear. ⁸He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul's men began to scatter. ⁹So he said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." And Saul offered up the burnt offering. ¹⁰Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.

¹¹"What have you done?" asked Samuel.

Saul replied, "When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Micmash, ¹²I thought, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not

sought the LORD'S favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."

¹³"You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. ¹⁴But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD'S command."

¹⁵Then Samuel left Gilgal and went up to Gibeah in Benjamin, and Saul counted the men who were with him. They numbered about six hundred.

¹⁶Saul and his son Jonathan and the men with them were staying in Gibeah in Benjamin, while the Philistines camped at Micmash. ¹⁷Raiding parties went out from the Philistine camp in three detachments. One turned toward Ophrah in the vicinity of Shual, ¹⁸another toward Beth Horon, and the third toward the borderland overlooking the Valley of Zeboim facing the desert.

¹⁹Not a blacksmith could be found in the whole land of Israel, because the Philistines had said, "Otherwise the Hebrews will make swords or spears!" ²⁰So all Israel went down to the Philistines to have their plowshares, mattocks, axes and sickles sharpened. ²¹The price was two thirds of a shekel for sharpening plowshares and mattocks, and a third of a shekel for sharpening forks and axes and for repointing goads.

²²So on the day of the battle not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.

²³Now a detachment of Philistines had gone out to the pass at Micmash. ^{14:1}One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, "Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side." But he did not tell his father.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why were the Philistines upset with the Israelites? (Verse 3)
5		2.) What did the Philistines do after the Israelites attacked them?
5		3.) What did King Saul do that upset Samuel? (Verses 11-12)
5		4.) Why do you think Samuel was so upset with King Saul?

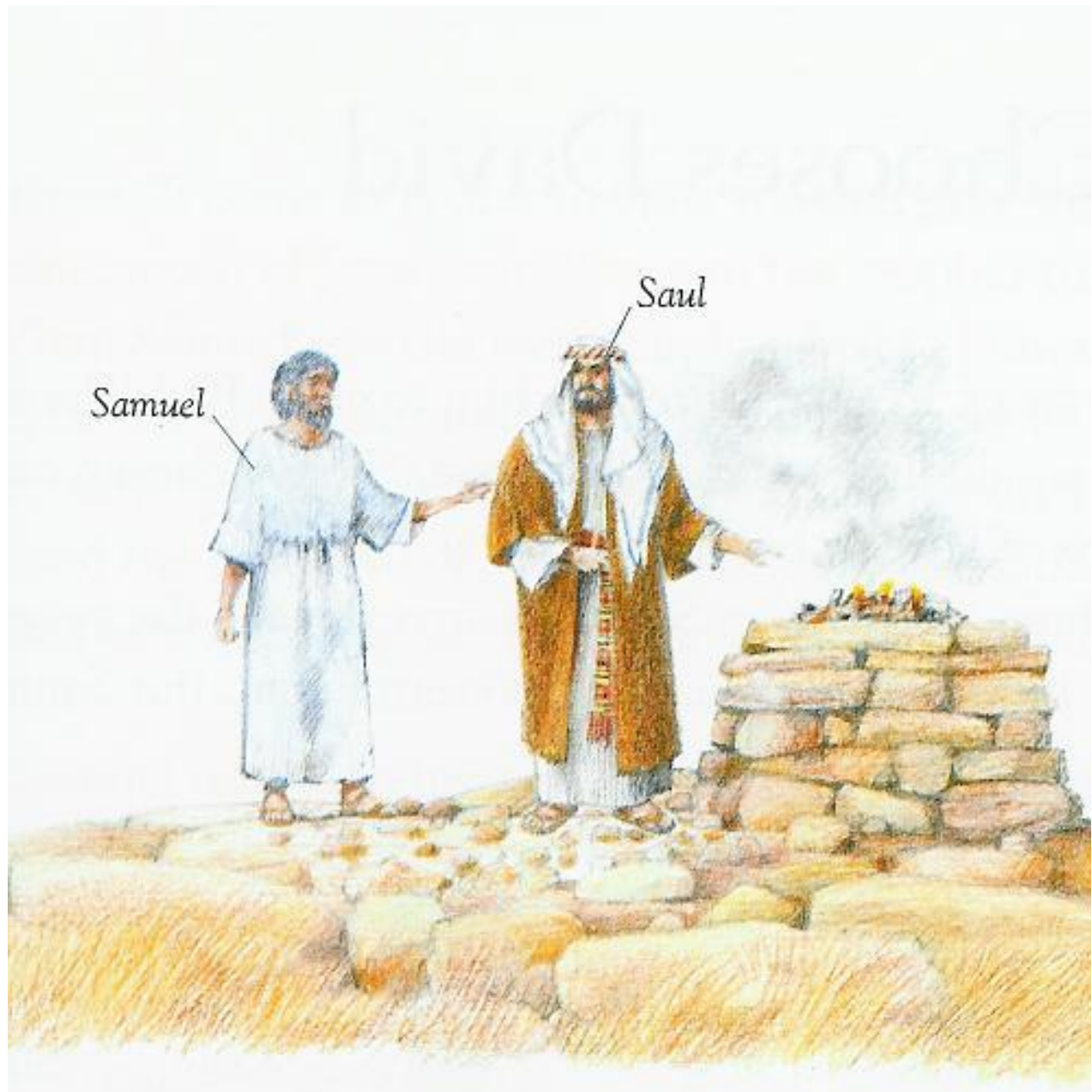
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proverbs 15:8</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	<p>LEADER’S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____</p>

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Samuel tells Saul that he should not have offered a sacrifice to God

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*Today's bible story was
about _____*

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The memory verse means



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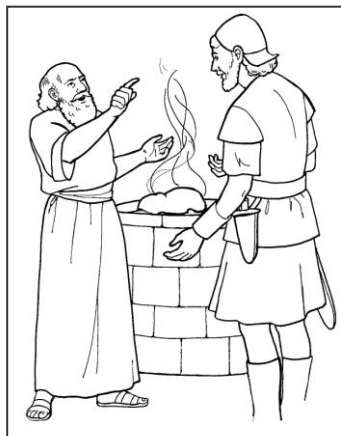
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Saul gathered together 2,000 soldiers and his son Jonathan gathered 1,000. Saul sent his son and his soldiers to attack the Philistines.

Saul blew a trumpet and called together the people of Israel to tell them about the attack.

The Philistines were ready to fight back, but the Israelites realized that they were outnumbered. The Israelites got scared and hid in caves, behind rocks, in pits, and in thickets.

Saul waited seven days for Samuel to arrive and help. Saul got scared and offered up burnt offerings and fellowship offerings on his own. He was supposed to wait for Samuel.

When Samuel arrived, he asked, "What have you done? Saul, you have acted foolishly. You have not obeyed God. God will find another king for Israel."

There were no blacksmiths left in Israel so none of the Israelite soldiers had a sword or spear to fight with. Only Saul and Jonathan had them.

For more details, please read 1 Samuel 13:1-22 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Saul have Jonathan do to the Philistines?
2. Why were the soldiers of Israel scared?
3. How did Saul act foolishly?
4. Why do you think Saul chose not to wait for Samuel?

MEMORY VERSE

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MATCHING

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| 1. SAUL | ___ A musical instrument |
| 2. JONATHAN | ___ The king of Israel |
| 3. SPEAR | ___ Saul's son |
| 4. PHILISTINES | ___ A long pole with a sharp tip |
| 5. TRUMPET | ___ Enemies of God's people |