



Unit 10 • Session 2

SAUL RESCUED ISRAEL

1 Samuel 11-13

WHO IS OUR KING?

JESUS IS OUR KING FOREVER, AND HE RULES OVER THE WORLD.

Israel had enemies from other nations. One of their enemies was the Ammonites. Nahash was a leader of the Ammonite army. He and his soldiers surrounded a town in Israel named Jabesh-gilead. The elders of Jabesh-gilead sent messengers throughout Israel to ask for help to defend their city. When Saul heard the people needed help, the Spirit of God came powerfully on him. He gathered a large army and came and defeated Nahash.

Then Samuel said, "Here is the king you have chosen. If you fear the LORD, then both you and your king will follow the LORD. However, if you disobey the LORD, His hand will be against you. Worship the Lord with all your heart."

Then the Philistines gathered to fight against Israel, so Saul summoned all his troops to join him at Gilgal. He waited seven days for the time Samuel had set, but Samuel had not arrived. So, Saul said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." Then he offered the burnt offering.

As soon as Saul finished making the burnt offering, Samuel arrived and said, "What have you done?" Saul answered, "When I saw you had not come at the scheduled time, I forced myself to make the burnt offering."

Samuel said, "You have been foolish. You have not kept the command the LORD gave you. God has found another leader, a man after his own heart. He will rule over the people because you have not done what the LORD commanded."

Christ Connection: Saul defeated enemy armies for Israel but failed to obey God. Jesus defeated our greatest enemies—sin and death—and always obeyed God. All who trust in Jesus will be saved and receive changed hearts that desire to obey God.

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Bible Story

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Unit 10 Memory Verse

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 103:19

Bible Story Summary:

Israel had enemies from other nations. The Spirit of God came on Saul, and he gathered an army to fight the Ammonites. King Saul defeated them, and the people were glad he was king. But Samuel was worried. He warned God's people to always listen to God and do what is right. Saul grew impatient and disobeyed God by offering the burnt offering.

Review Questions:

- What did Samuel encourage Israel to do?
- Why was it wrong for Saul to make the burnt offering?

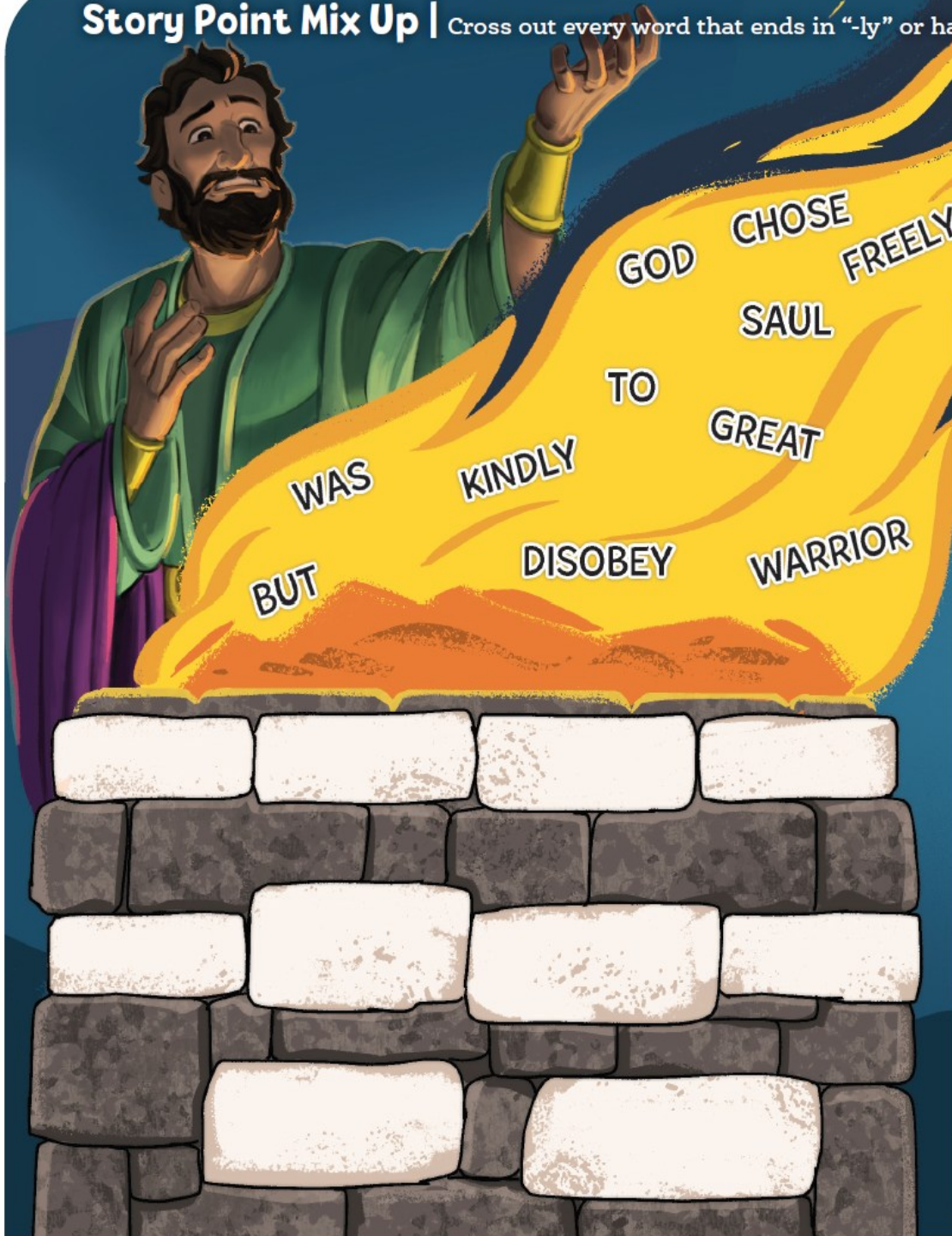
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KIDSZONE/ROUTE 54 BIBLE SKILLS TABLE

Story Point Mix Up | Cross out every word that ends in “-ly” or has the letter “k” to reveal today’s story point.



TRUE OR FALSE

Read each sentence and determine if it is true or false. Place a check mark in the correct box.

	TRUE	FALSE
The Ammonites were Israel's enemies.		
The elders of Jabesh-gilead asked Israel to help them defend their city against the Ammonites.		
The Spirit of God came on Saul, but the Ammonites won the battle.		
Samuel told the Israelites to worship and obey the Lord.		
The Philistines gathered to fight Israel, and Saul's troops were afraid.		
Saul obeyed God by preparing a burnt offering.		
Samuel said Saul had been foolish and disobeyed God's command.		
Samuel said Saul's family would reign over Israel forever.		