SAMUEL the last Judge of Israel



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See the first instruction page for directions about how to glue on the curtain flaps.

- 1) Draw a sacrifice being burned on the altar
- 2) Draw meat in Hophni and Phineas' hands.
- 3) Draw 12 loaves of bread on the table.
- 4) Draw flames on the lamp stand after you have glued it in place.
- 5) You might want to draw smoke rising from the altar of incense after you have glued it in place.
- 6) You might want to color the curtains with bright colors and pomegranate designs as described in Exodus.

The Tabernacle of God was at Shiloh



In the days of the Judges, God's Tabernacle was at Shiloh. Eli was the head priest and his sons Hophni and Phineas were his assistant priests. One day Eli was sitting at the entrance of the Tabernacle when he saw Hannah praying to God. At first he spoke roughly to her, but when she said she had been praying for a child, Eli felt sorry for her and said, "May God grant you your request."

Samuel's mother, Hannah, came to see him every year, when the family came to offer their yearly sacrifices at Shiloh. Each time she came she would bring him a new coat, something he could grow into during that year.





Samuel learned to read and write so that he could study the sacred scrolls kept in the Tabernacle. Which of these Bible books could he have read?





Oh, no! The Ark of God is captured!

How can this possibly be true?! The Israelites are in shock. So many questions!

If God's presence is in the ark, then shouldn't it always bring victory?

Why did God allow Eli and his sons to die on the same day?

Did God totally abandon the ark?

Will the ark bring blessings to Israel's enemies?

How do you return an ark?

Will God forgive Israel for their foolishness?

The Israelites were sorry for their sin and wanted to return to God. They gathered at Mizpah to fast, pray and offer sacrifices to God. While they were gathered, the Philistines decided to attack them. Samuel prayed to God while offering a lamb, and God answered by "thundering" from heaven and throwing the Philistine army into confusion. The Israelite soldiers then battled them and won a huge victory.

Open the flap to see the Philistine army in confusion.

Try to find:

- -- 3 ox carts being pulled by 4 oxen
- -- 2 horses pulling a chariot
- -- 3 soldiers fighting side by side
- -- 4 soldiers fighting side by side
- -- A man holding his left arm
- because the his hand was cut off
- -- 2 men falling out of a cart
- -- 1 man being pulled into a cart

Samuel became the leader of Israel. He had two sons whom he appointed as judges, but they did not walk in the ways of the Lord and the Israelites were displeased with them. They asked Samuel to anoint a king so they could be like the other nations. Samuel was upset about this but God told him to listen to the people and to anoint a king. God choose Saul, the son of Kish, as the first king. The first time we meet Saul, he is looking for this father's donkeys. He stops to ask Samuel for divine guidance. Use your finger to help Saul through the maze.

The picture of Samuel annointing Saul will be glued here.

Now it was time for Samuel to announce to Israel who God had chosen for their king. All of Israel gathered at Mizpah. As was often done in those days, the decision was made by drawing lots. This is sort of like rolling dice. It seemed like leaving the decision to chance, but they trusted that God was controlling the outcome of the lots. First, one tribe would be chosen. Which one was chosen?



Then Samuel read to the people all the rules about the rights and the responsibilities of the king and the people. They people understood that the king was allowed to tax them another 10 percent, on top of the 10 percent they were already expected to give to God. The king had to be just and fair ruler, though, and not take more than what was allowed by God.

Samuel wrote all the rules on a scroll and kept it in the Tabernacle.



Not too long after Saul had been chosen, the Ammonites decided to attack the city of Jabesh Gilead. This city had been the only city in Israel to NOT show up for the battle against the tribe of Benjamin, recorded at the end of the book of Judges. Not one man from Jabesh Gilead had showed up to help fight. After the battle, when the Israelites needed a source of wives for the Benjamites (because Israel had taken a vow not to allow their daughters to marry Benjamites) they choose to get even with the city of Jabesh Gilead and killed everyone except young women who were the right age to be brides. Now, years later, the city had been rebuilt and re-inhabited. And now it was under attack. Perhaps God allowed this attack, as a test to see if the nation had forgiven and fully restored this city.

The men of Jabesh Gilead sent out a desperate "SOS" message to neighboring towns. Saul heard about it and decided to lead all of Israel to defend Jabesh Gilead.

Saul rallied the men soldiers of Israel by cutting up a pair of oxen and sending out the pieces to all the cities of Israel along with this message: "If you don't show up for battle, this is what will be done to your oxen!" It worked and they all showed up!

The meeting place for the army was at Bezek. Then they went over and fought at Jabesh Gilead. After the battle they all went down to Gilgal where Saul was re-affirmed as king and Samuel gave a long speech.



In Samuel's long speech, he reminded Israel that God was their real king. If Israel's king led them away from worshiping God, God would punish them.

To prove God could and would punish them for disobedience, Samuel called upon God to send a rain storm that day. Since this was a dry time of year and they were harvesting their grain, this rain storm was a small disaster for their food supply. The people saw this and feared God.







Saul's big mistakes

BIG MISTAKE #1

The Philistines began to attack Israel. Saul needed to rally his troops at Gilgal once again to defend Israel's territory. There was to be a time of prayer and sacrifice before they went into battle. Samuel told Saul to wait at Gilgal and not go into battle until he (Samuel) was there to perform the ceremony.

Samuel was a bit late coming and Saul began to panic. The Philistines were practically on the horizon and still no Samuel. So Saul offered the sacrifices himself, without Samuel. Then Samuel arrived.



As Samuel turned to leave, Saul grabbed his cloak in order to beg him to stay. Samuel's cloak ripped. Samuel then prophesied that God would rip the kingdom from Saul. Samuel said:

BIG MISTAKE #2

1) God told Saul to wipe out the nation of Amalek, who lived to the South of Israel. Amalek had attacked the children of Israel as they came out of Egypt. God had sworn to wipe out all descendants of Amalek pursuing them from generation to generation. Saul was given strict order to leave no survivors, not even animals.

When Saul returned from the battle, he brought back livestock and also the Amalekite king, Agag.

Samuel was very angry. Saul gave lame excuses at first, then admitted he had sinned. What did Samuel do to Agag?



Samuel's last mission

Then God sent Samuel to the home of Jesse, in Bethlehem. The first seven of Jesse's sons came before Samuel, but God said, "No" to each one. Someone had to fetch David, the youngest son from tending the flocks. When he came in, Samuel annointed him as the next king of Israel. However, David would not actually become king until many years later.



Samuel's last appearance / Saul's final mistake

The last story in which Samuel appears is actually after he has died! Saul desperately needed advice about a battle with the Philistines, and asked a "medium" (sometimes translated as "witch") to call up Samuel from the dead. It worked, and Samuel got one last chance to tell Saul how displeased God is with him. He also told Saul that he would die in battle the very next day.

This story has been very popular with artists throughout the centuries. Here are just a few of the many drawings and paintings of this famous "ghost story."



These flaps are for page 2.

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for Samuel and lampstand

"Sleeve" for coat strip:

Cut out this square, then fold in thirds on the horizontal lines, then fold the end over using the vertical line as your guide.

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The ark is not a good luck charm. It was not the ark that protected the Israelites, it was God himself. God had warned the Israelites

repeatedly that if they disobeyed Him, they would lose His protection.











God gave the Israelites a great victory over the Philistines. Samuel set up a memorial stone and called it Ebenezer, meaning "stone of help." These pictures go under the flaps on page 4, as the answers to the questions. Cut them out and glue them under the appropriate flaps.



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a special recipe

anoint Saul as the

God told Samuel to

Anointing oil was

exactly what species of plant We do not know able to pin down. "kaneh bosem" something called oil, cinnamon, ingredients: olive this word refers to. have never been which translators myrrh, cassia, and made of five gathering of about it. Saul sacred oil on Saul's all the tribes. chosen as king at a would officially be no one else knew done in secret and However, this was he would be king. head and told him Samuel poured first king of Israel. ξ



The clan of ______ was chosen.

They lived in the town of _______.

Another big surprise! The town of Gibeah had been the very place where the worst act of wickedness had been committed years ago! It was the town that had caused the war that almost wiped out the tribe of Benjamin.

What was Israel supposed to learn about the character of God?

Out of all the families in this clan, which family was chosen?



The family of _____.

And what person from this family was chosen? .

But where was he?

The tribe of ______ was chosen.



This was a surprise because Benjamin was the smallest of the tribes, and the reason it was so small was largely due to the fact that the other tribes had almost exterminated them about a century earlier. The other tribes had gone to war against Benjamin because of some wicked acts that had been committed by the Benjamites.

What was God telling Israel when he choose the tribe of Benjamin?

Out of all the clans of Benjamin, which clan was chosen?









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HOW TO ASSEMBLE THE PICTURE PAGES

General directions:

Pages 1-13 are the pages of the booklet (plus the cover page that has the title SAMUEL on it). Copy these pages onto heavy card stock paper if at all possible. Using card stock will make the booklet much more durable. Card stock can be easily purchased at the stationery section of any large store (e.g. WalMart) or at an office supply store (e.g. Office Depot, Staples, etc.).

NOTE: You can feed card stock into most computer printers. If at all possible, make the pages double sided so that page 2 is on the back of page 1, page 4 is on the back of page 3, etc. (If you don't have color printing capability another option would be to get a print shop to copy the pages for you. Just take this digital file on a jump drive and show them which pages to print out.)

PAGE 1:

1) Cut out all the parts on page 14.

2) Follow the drawing and coloring directions on page 1, then trim off the top of the page along the line.3) Do any coloring you want to do on the curtains, then follow the gluing instructions below. You can read God's instructions for making the curtains (and the other elements of the Tabernacle) in Exodus 25-27.

Gluing:

1) Put glue on the back of the cherubim on the ark and glue it right above the picture of items in the ark (tables of stone, Aaron's rod, jar of manna). The cherubim will be glued in place while the box part will become a flap that can be lifted to reveal the contents of the ark. (A)

2) Put glue just on the very top of the Holy of Holies curtain and glue it in place so it can be lifted to reveal the ark. (B)3) Put glue on just the top part of the large Tabernacle curtain (the one that shows both the top and front) and glue it in place so that it can be lifted to reveal the inside of the Holy Place. (C)

4) Glue on the wall curtains by applying glue just to the far ends, so the curtains can be lifted to reveal Hophi and Phineas and the altar of burnt offerings. (D)





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PAGE 2:

1) Trim off top of page, as you did with page 1 (so you have a square page). 2) Cut the slit next to Hannah. 3) Print out page 15 and cut it out the tabs with the coats on it. Color the coats.

4) Print out the sleeve on page 16; regular paper is fine. Cut it out and fold it in thirds where indicated. (A) Glue. Then fold the end over where indicated and glue. (B)

5) Glue sleeve on the back of the page with the open end lined up with the slit. (C) Picture (D) shows the direction in which to insert the tab, which the large end inside the sleeve.

6) Insert coat tab into sleeve and pull the smaller end out to the front. (E) Picture (F) shows how the tab extends when finished.

7) Now you will use the books of the Bible rectangles from page 14. Put a dab of glue on just the left side and glue them in this order:

Genesis (Y)	Judges (Y)
Exodus (Y)	Kings (N)
Leviticus (Y)	Psalms (N)
Numbers (Y)	Proverbs (N)
Deuteronomy (Y)	Isaiah (N)

Joshua (Y) Job (Y)

Note: Samuel had already died by the time David came to the throne, so he could not have read any of the Psalms that David wrote, or the Proverbs that David's son, Solomon, wrote. The book of Kings also happened after Samuel's time. Isaiah comes much later in time, hundreds of year later. Job is actually a very ancient book. Job probably lived around the time of Abraham, so it is likely that Samuel could have read Job.



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)





When you are finished, you can glue page 2 back to back with page 1. Make sure you use a really good quality glue stick and use plenty of glue!

PAGE 3:

1) You will need copies of pages 3, 15, and 17. (You will be using remaining pieces from page 17.)

- 2) Color any of the pieces that you want to color before you assemble the picture.
- 3) Cut the slit in the Holy of Holies curtain, between the two dots. (A)
- 4) Fold the Holy of Holies and glue into place where indicted on page 3, and as shown in picture (B).
- 5) Put the wider glue tab on the back of the ark. (C)
- 6) Glue ark into place inside Holy of Holies. Make sure glue tab is parallel to floor. (D)

7) Fold down Holy of Holies before glue tabs are completely set and see if it goes down flat. If not, make adjustments. (E)

8) Put "Samuel! Samuel!" tab into slot in curtain. (F)

9) Fold Samuel at waist and put a glue tab on his back. Glue his bottom half on floor, in place indicated. (G) 10) Put glue tab on back of lamp stand and glue into place. (H)

11) The final scene should look like this. You can pull the word tab out of curtain to make it look like God's voice is coming from the Holy of Holies were the ark is. (J)



(A)







(D)









(H)



(F)

PAGE 4:

1) You will need a copy of page 4 printed onto card stock, and the little colored pictures on page 18. (The picture of Samuel will be used on page 5.)

2) Cut slits to form flaps, as shown in picture (Å).

3) Glue this page to the back of page 3, being careful not to apply any glue to the back of the flaps.

4) Glue the pictures that show the answers to the questions (some with words as well) under the appropriate question. Think about each question and choose the answer that is best. (B)



(A)



(B)

PAGE 5:

1) You will need page 5 copied onto card stock, as well as a copy of page 19 printed onto regular paper. You will also be using the picture of Samuel from page 18.

2) Cut out the picture of the Philistine army (from an ancient stone carving). Fold it in half and glue it in place as shown in picture (C).

3) Cut out the picture of Samuel and glue it on top of the army picture when it is folded closed. (D)







(D)

PAGE 6:

 You will need page 6 copied onto card stock, as well as a copy of page 20 (the maze).
Cut out the maze and glue it onto the page, as shown, with the right side folded in a bit.





PAGE 7:

1) Copy the patterns on page 21 onto card stock. Cut out the wheel, the two panels of text, and the main picture.



(1)







2) Color the wheel yellow or light tan (to be color of oil).

3) Cut out the striped area on the picture that says CUT OUT. (where the oil is pouring out)

4) Secure the wheel behind the picture pushing the paper fastener through the little + under the jar, then through the center of the wheel. When you turn the wheel it should look like the oil is pouring, as the ripple marks appear and disappear behind the cut out space.

5) Glue the picture to the page, making sure you don't put glue anywhere near the wheel. If glue gets on the wheel, it won't turn. Glue the paragraphs to the left of the picture.

PAGE 8:

1) Copy and cut out the rectangles on page 22 and the top of 23 (the one with the twelve sections). You can use either regular paper or card stock.

2) Write the names of the twelve tribes on the large flap with the twelve sections. The tribes do not have to be in any particular order. You can write in pen or pencil or with crayons or colored pencils. Glue in place as a flap that opens up.

3) Glue the next flap underneath. It is the flap with the map on it. You can make this flap open any way-- up, down, left, or right. It does not matter which. Write "Benjamin" in the blank.







(4)

(5)

(6)

4) Glue the next flap under that one. On this third flap you will need to write "Matri" in the first blank and "Gibeah" in the second one. Once again, you can make the flap open and way you want to.

5) On the fourth flap, write "Kish" in the first blank and "Saul" in the second one. Glue it so that it will open to reveal the last picture.

6) Glue the picture of Saul hiding in the baggage. This is not a flap and can be simply glued in place.

7) Fold all the flap back down so that you only see the first one with the tribes. So now you have a series of four flaps to open.

PAGE 9:

1) Copy the page with bull picture (24). It very advisable to use heavy card stock for this one, as the larger bull will get cut up into puzzle pieces. Heavier stock will make better pieces. (If you only have regular paper, you might also glue that paper onto a piece of cereal box cardboard?)

2) Cut out both pieces. On the piece with the tabs, fold the tabs back. Then glue this onto the page. It will be a pocket for the pieces. It will also serve as a visual guide for putting together the puzzle pieces.

3) Cut up the bull puzzle into as many pieces as you want. Older students might want to make more pieces, younger students can make less. (Bear in mind, though, that small pieces get lost more easily.)

4) Put the pieces into the pocket.

5) If you are worried about the pieces falling out of the pocket, you could add one or more paper clips along the top. Simply cut a small piece of paper and tape it behind the pocket. Then slip the paper clip behind this paper and over the pocket.















PAGE 10:

1) You will need the flap on page 23 that says "Grab your weapons..." This will be the flap that goes on top of the map. Draw weapons that Saul and his men could have used. At this time in history, they had very basic weapons and many fighters simply used sharpened sticks, farm tools such as sickles and axes, or wooden clubs. So your options for weapons to draw include short daggers, long swords, slings (a serious weapon back then!), spears (long wooden rods with metal tips on the ends), and wooden shields. They might have had bows and arrows, but we have no definite proof of this. The weapons would not have been very fancy. Don't put jewels or other decorations on the swords. Keep them simple.

(Weaponry improved greatly when David came to power. David had lived among the Philistines and learned how to produce state-of-the-art weapons for that time period. David even introduced chariots.)





Kids usually love to draw weapons. They are not too hard to draw, even for kids who are not confident about drawing skills. (Feel free to add farm implements like sickles or axes.)

2) Label the cites on the map and add arrows to show where the soldiers went. (Saul and his men went up from Gibeah to rally the troops at Bezek. The they attacked and chased the survivors back into Ammon. They they all went to Gilgal to renew the covenant of kingship for Saul.) Use a Blble atlas to add more details than shown here, if you want to. Add mountain ranges or more towns. Add color for farming and desert areas.

PAGE 11:

1) Write what Samuel told Saul. (You will find this in 1 Samuel 13:13,14.)

2) Cut out the picture of Saul finishing the sacrifice as Samuel arrives (top of page 25). Gluel this as a flap over what Sameul said.





3) Cut out the two pieces of the hand and glue the fingers in place. Cut a scrap of fabric and glue where indicated inside hand.

4) If the hand gives you trouble by not staying closed, you can cut a small slit (indicated by white line in palm of hand) and tuck the tip of the middle finger into it.





PAGE 12:

Copy patterns on page 26.
Cut out the two pieces.
Fold the larger one in half, and

bend back the tabs.

3) Put the smaller picture inside the folded one, with the larger tab on the inside and the smaller one sticking out.





Flap inside.



Flap pulled out.

Tabs get tucked under and glued.

4) Glue this completed flap pocket structure to the page, as shown in the above pictures. Smaller picture should slide out easily, but remain in the pocket.

PAGE 13:

1) Print out page 25 and cut out some of the paintings and glue them in place. You can use as few or as many as you like. Perhaps the student(s) would even like to draw their own picture.

