

a Human King

1 Samuel 8:1-22

Big Idea : Israel demanded a human king so they could be like the other nations because they had rejected God as their king.

Aim : To teach that any desire to be like the world is a rejection of God and his rule.

activity

Good job, bad job

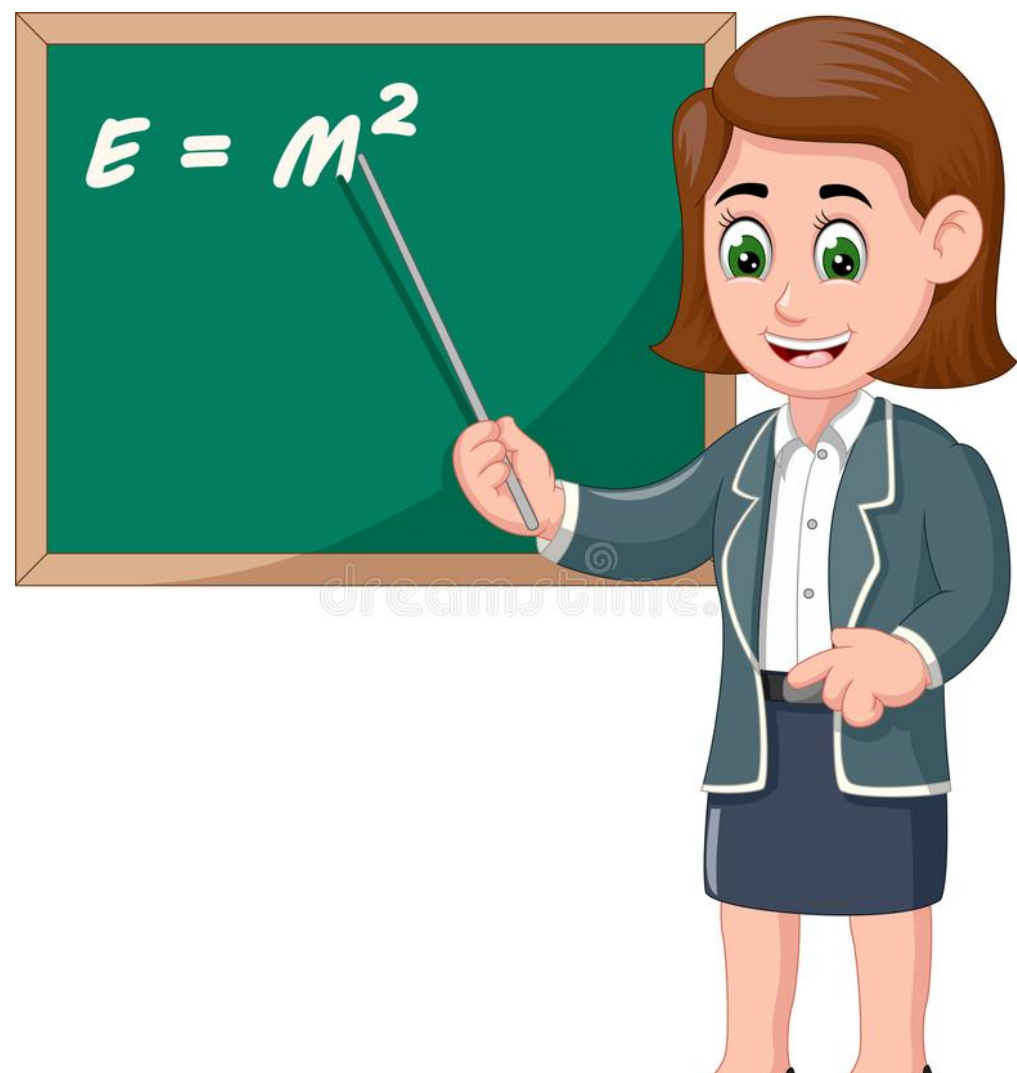
Using the pictures on the next slide get the children to identify what the different jobs are.

How could they tell whether someone was good or bad at their job?

What would a good doctor do?

What would a bad baker be like?

This series is about a job that God wanted someone to do and whether they were good or bad at it.



Intro

<https://youtu.be/xkCMoo65CqY>

Read

You can either read the story to your kids using the pictures and narrative below

OR

You can do the script on slides 23-26 using the pictures on slides 17-20 and having your kids participate (this is a really fun way to teach the passage

OR

Why not do both!









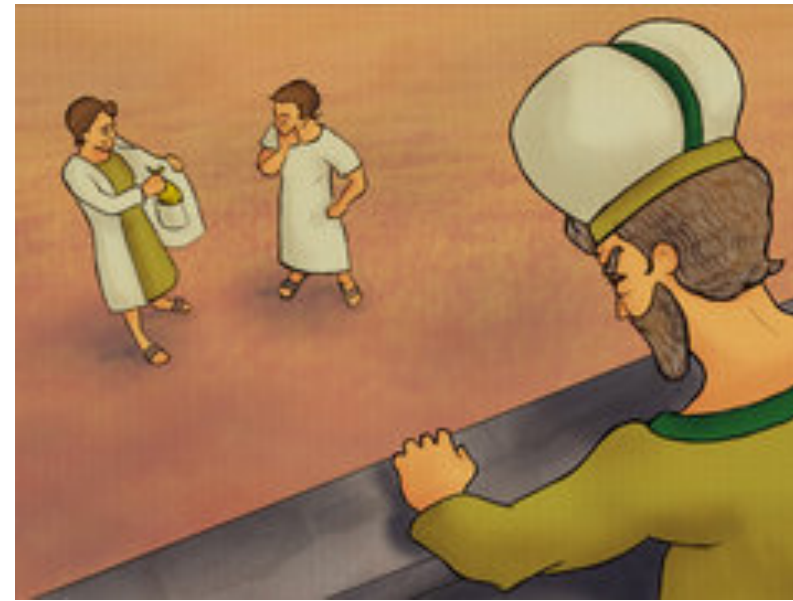








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- 1 Samuel grew old and his sons were grown men. He made them leaders of the Temple. Samuel's sons cheated, lied, and stole. They didn't love God or bless the people.



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- 2 The people spoke to Samuel, 'Your sons are very bad. They will not treat us fair like you. We want to be like other nations, we want a king!' This made Samuel very sad.



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- 3 Samuel knelt down and prayed to God. He told God how the people wanted a king. God told Samuel to give the people what they wanted, but to warn them of all the trouble a king would bring!



- 4 'A king will take their sons to raise his horses, plough the fields, and fight his wars. A king will take their daughters to work for him. They will bake, and cook, and do all the chores.'



- 5 'A king will make the people give to him their grapes, and olives, and wheat. A king will make the people give to him their donkeys and cows, goats and sheep.'



- 6 Samuel spoke to the people, he told them God's warning. They said, 'We still want a king!' They didn't care about the trouble a king would bring.



- 7 Again, Samuel prayed to God, 'The people still want a king.' God told Samuel, 'Give the people what they want! Give them their king!'

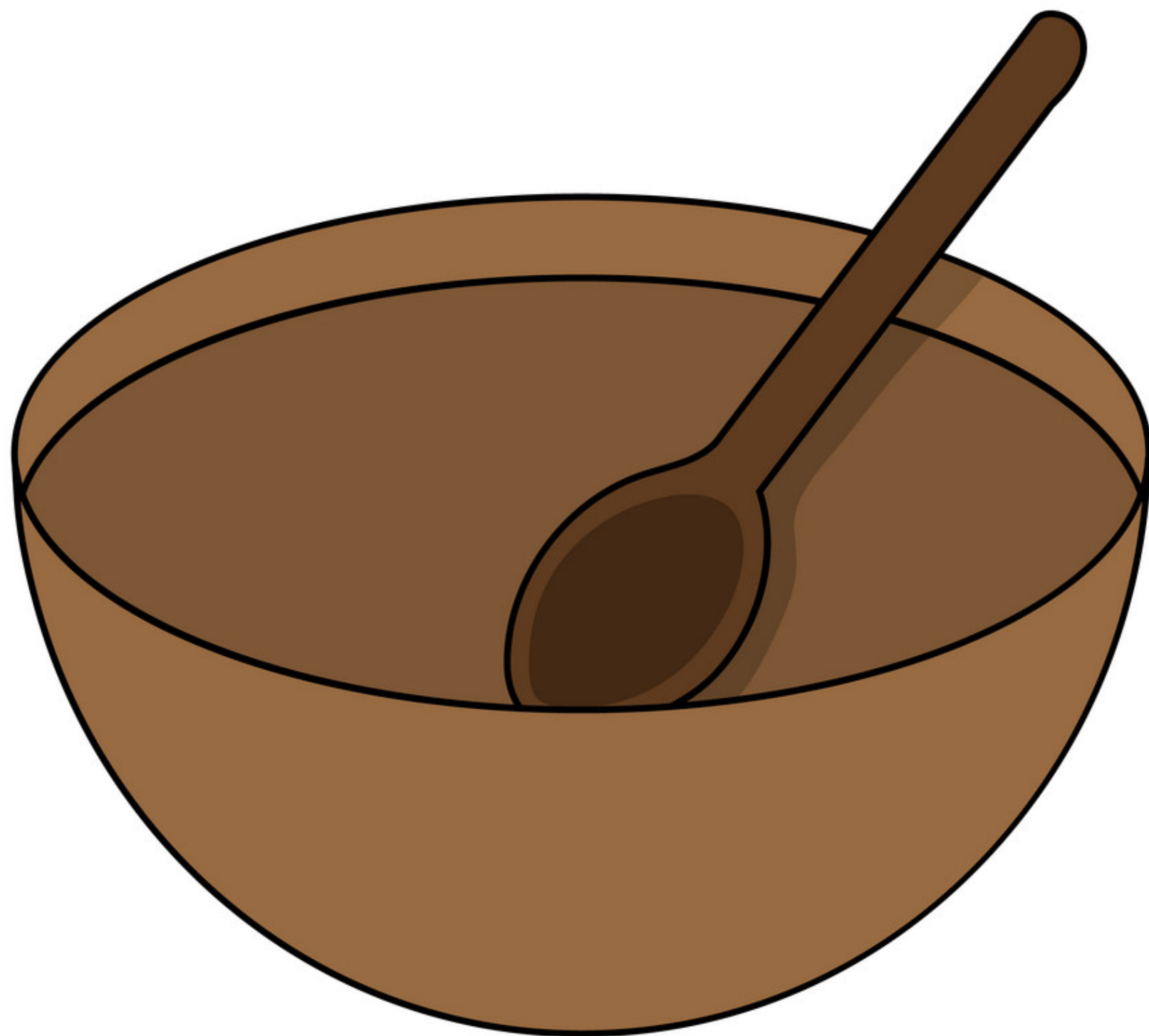


Read













I need your help as we tell this part of the book of 1 Samuel.

Every time you hear me say,
But the people cried out... I
want you to call back, "We want
a king!"

(pause)

God was pleased with Samuel
because Samuel listened to and
obeyed God.

But when Samuel got old, the
people began to grumble.

Samuel's two sons were not like
him.

They lied and took money that
wasn't theirs.

The people came to Samuel
and said, 'Samuel, you're old.
And your two sons are not like
you. Give us a king to rule over
us like all the other nations.'

Practise with audience, then
begin.

Picture 1: crown

Samuel was not pleased.

The people did not want to listen to him any more.

But God said to Samuel, 'They are not rejecting you Samuel. They are rejecting me. They are rejecting me as their King. They wanted to be like all the nations around them. But first warn them what the king they ask for will do.'

Samuel went back to the people and warned them,

'If you get a king then you'll have to become soldiers in his army.'

Picture 2: sword

But the people cried out,
(Audience response)

'We want a king!'

(Narrator)

'If you get a king then you'll have to work on his farms.'

Picture 3: farming fork

But the people cried out,
(Audience response)

'We want a king!'

(Narrator)

'If you get a King then you'll have to cook his food.'

Picture 4: bowl and spoon

But the people cried out,
(Audience response)

'We want a king!'

(Narrator)

'If you get a king then you'll have to give him your grapes

Picture 5: grapes and corn

and corn.'

But the people cried out,

(Audience response)

'We want a king!'

(Narrator)

If you get a king then you'll
become his servants.'

The people would not listen.

Again and again they cried out,

'We want a king!'

(Audience response)

'We want a king!'

(Narrator)

They wanted to be like all the
other nations.

Nations who had a king to lead
them.

In the end, God said to Samuel,
'Give the people what they
want. Give them a king.'

All the people went home and
waited for God to give them a
king.

They got a king.

But the king they got failed to
trust and obey God.

Picture 6: a tray of food

The people of Israel rejected the King of kings.

Why?

Because they wanted to be like everyone else around them.

What a big mistake!

They should've been different from all the other nations.

But instead of being different from the other nations they became like them.

They rejected God because they wanted to be like everyone else!

Children, to put your trust in anything or anyone other than God means you have rejected God as King.

To put your trust in anything or anyone other than Jesus means you have rejected God as King.

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https://youtu.be/3OcU0EMP5_s

<https://youtu.be/7pQ1Wn0yP5g>

activity

Copy King

Remind the children that in today's true story from the Bible
the Israelites wanted to copy the other nations.

They wanted to have a king just like the people around them.

Watch

<https://vimeo.com/169583020>

Memory Verse

**We will be going over these when we
meet in person so please keep
practicing**

Memory verse

<https://youtu.be/ug1OrL57YhI>

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me. - John 14:6

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP PRACTICING THIS ONE

MEMORY VERSE

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might
not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11

Click here for some help in learning
the verse... get going - next week
we have another one!

<https://youtu.be/TT0CcI5g2p4>

Quiz

1. What did the people ask Samuel for?
2. Why did they say they wanted this? V3-5
3. What was the real reason the people wanted a king?
4. What were Samuel's sons like? (v3)
5. Who do they remind you of from earlier in 1 Samuel?
6. By asking for a king to lead them, who was Israel rejecting?
7. What are some of the things Samuel warned them a king would do?
8. What did the Lord tell Samuel to do when the people still wanted a king after being warned what a king would do?

Quiz

1. They wanted a king
2. Because Samuel was old and his sons were evil
3. They wanted a king so they could be like the other nations around them. Instead of God they wanted a king they could see lead them out into battle
4. they weren't like Samuel, they took bribes, were dishonest
5. Eli's sons
6. They were rejecting God who had led them into battle
7. V11-18
8. Listen to them and give them a king

10.

Lets Discuss...

<https://youtu.be/zjyvCekHRqY>

Discuss

Who was supposed to rule Israel? How was this different to the nations? Why was Israel supposed to be different?

How are Christians supposed to be different to those around them? How does this show in your life?

When do you find it hardest to live like this?

What does it mean to live with God as our king?

Why do you think people often reject God's rule?



Watch

https://youtu.be/j0-etcEkH_o

Pray

Dear Heavenly Father

We thank you that you are not just our King,
but also our heavenly Father. We thank you
that you are a King who rules fairly and out of
love for those who submit to you.

We ask that you would forgive us for the many
times we choose to be like the world around
us and reject you as our King.

We thank you for the kindness and patience
you show to us when we fail you.

Please would you help us to live with you as
our King

Amen