

In God's Big Story

Instead of trusting God to be in charge, the Israelites ask for a king. God grants their request, and Saul becomes king. When Saul's heart turns away from God, God removes the kingdom from him.

Wonder Truth: God Is in Charge

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8–10; 13; 15



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WORD OF WONDER



Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our [motions video](#) or this [video](#) to help you!

ELEMENTARY:

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be honored among the nations. I will be honored in the earth. The LORD who rules over all is with us. The God of Jacob is like a fort to us.

— Psalm 46:10–11 (NIRV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Be still, and know that I am God.

—Psalm 46:10a



WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What's one thing you're learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- How is God in charge of you? Our family?
- What is something in your life that's easy to let God be in charge of?
- What is something in your life that is hard to let God be in charge of?



WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

Follow the Leader

Great
for
Younger Kids!

In God's big story, the Israelites wanted a king to be in charge of them, even though God warned them it wouldn't end well. King Saul disobeyed God, and God later took the kingdom away from Saul. Read 1 Samuel 8:4–9; 9:15–17; 15:7–11. Then play a game of Follow the Leader. Begin by choosing someone to be the leader. The rest of the family will follow this person around and do the same actions the leader does. Give each person in your family a chance to be the leader. Remind kids that God is our leader and always knows best. We can trust, obey, and follow God.



CREATE IT!

Our Family Declaration

It's easy to take charge of things in our lives and create our own plans. Sometimes it's easy to forget God is in charge. But God's plan is always perfect, and He knows what is best. Use a sheet of paper and a pen or markers to create a family declaration. At the top of the paper, write "Our Family Declaration." Under the heading, write "In our family, God is in charge of ..." Then list things you'll give God charge over in your family, such as your time or money. Make the list together. Discuss how this declaration will help you make decisions in the future. Encourage kids to decorate the paper and display it in a place your family can interact with it often.

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KINGS AND PROPHETS LESSON 1