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Printable Lesson Kit



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LESSON OVERVIEW

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This lesson on humility being a winning virtue shows students again that being humble doesn't mean being powerless. Being humble is important to leadership, and many Bible stories will back this fact up. King Saul was chosen to be king, having come from an insignificant tribe and an even more insignificant family.

How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Printable Craft
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Three clothespins (game)
- Empty and clean milk jug (game)
- Chair (game)
- Round Head Fasteners
- White Paper or Cardstock
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)

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SCRIPTURE & LESSON

PASSAGE (NIV): 1 SAMUEL 9 & 10 EXCERPTS

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



Background: Saul is from the tribe of Benjamin, an unimportant tribe. Samuel is the great prophet Samuel, who also was a judge of Israel and a very important Bible hero. Saul's father had lost a herd of donkeys and sent Saul and a friend to look for them. After being unable to find them for a couple of days, the two decided to ask Samuel who also was coming to the town ahead of them.

Be careful not to confuse these two names, that both start with "S." Samuel is the great prophet, judge, and "seer." Saul is the son of a farmer out looking for his father's donkeys.

1 Samuel 9

The Lord's Revelation to Samuel

¹⁵ Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed this to Samuel: ¹⁶ "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him ruler over my people Israel; he will deliver them from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked on my people, for their cry has reached me."

¹⁷ When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD said to him, "This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern my people."

¹⁸ Saul approached Samuel in the gateway and asked, "Would you please tell me where the seer's house is?"

¹⁹ "I am the seer," Samuel replied. "Go up ahead of me to the high place, for today you are to eat with me, and in the morning I will send you on your way and will tell you all that is in your heart. ²⁰ As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, do not worry about them; they have been found. And to whom is all the desire of Israel turned, if not to you and your whole family line?"

²¹ Saul answered, "But am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why do you say such a thing to me?"

²² Then Samuel brought Saul and his servant into the hall and seated them at the head of those who were invited—about thirty in number. ²³ Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the piece of meat I gave you, the one I told you to lay aside."



²⁴ So the cook took up the thigh with what was on it and set it in front of Saul. Samuel said, “Here is what has been kept for you. Eat, because it was set aside for you for this occasion from the time I said, ‘I have invited guests.’” And Saul dined with Samuel that day.

1 Samuel 10 Excerpts

¹⁷ Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the LORD at Mizpah ¹⁸ and said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.’ ¹⁹ But you have now rejected your God, who saves you out of all your disasters and calamities. And you have said, ‘No, appoint a king over us.’ So now present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and clans.”

²⁰ When Samuel had all Israel come forward by tribes, the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. ²¹ Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri’s clan was taken. Finally Saul son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he was not to be found. ²² So they inquired further of the LORD, “Has the man come here yet?”

And the LORD said, “Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies.”

²³ They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others. ²⁴ Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see the man the LORD has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people.”

Then the people shouted, “Long live the king!”

Questions for Children

1. What had God already told the prophet Samuel about this young man, Saul, when he approached? (Verse 9:16) *That he should crown him king of Israel.*

2. Samuel told Saul he would be the next king of Israel in a weird way. He said, “And to whom is all the desire of Israel turned, if not to you and your whole family line?” He never mentioned the word “king.” Saul knew what he was talking about because all of the kingdom was looking for a man to be king. Like Saul, have you ever gotten an award or a reward that came as a complete surprise to you? What was it, and how did that feel?

3. Why did Saul object to the Samuel’s prophecy that he would be the next king of Israel? (Verse 9:21). *He was from the tribe of Benjamin, considered unimportant in all the 12 tribes. His family was not considered anything worthy, even in that lowly tribe. Why do you think humility is important, both in God’s eyes and in daily life? People can get full of themselves really fast. Power and acclaim can tend to make people more self-centered. We want to be Christ-centered. People need to be humble to begin with before God can use them as leaders.*



TEACHER’S MIGHTY MESSAGE

Here is yet another Bible story where humility is shown to be the winning character trait. God picked Saul to be king and shared that news with Samuel. Saul objected, saying he was from a lowly tribe and a lowly family within the tribe. Samuel said that didn’t matter to God.

The tradition among the Hebrew people was to name the oldest male the family leader. However, Samuel would go on to anoint David the next king. David had seven rugged older brothers, whom most people would have thought would make great kings. Joseph was chosen by God to lead his family to Egypt in Genesis. He had 10 older brothers! Jacob, the father of Israel, had an older twin who was supposed to inherit that birthright.

Humility is more important to God than social standing. Once Jesus’ own disciples were arguing about who would have the greater seat in the Kingdom of Heaven. He told them, “The first will be last, and the last, first” in heaven. In other words, the best servants down here will be the most served in heaven.

If you want to be the greatest in God’s eyes, be the best servant as possible on earth. Your rewards will be great in heaven, and God may just surprise you down here when you are least expecting it—and give you a very important job for his kingdom.



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PRINTABLE CRAFT

SAUL BECOMES KING



MATERIALS:

- Saul Becomes King Printable Craft File (two pages)
- White Paper or Cardstock
- Coloring Utensils
- Scissors
- Round Head Fasteners



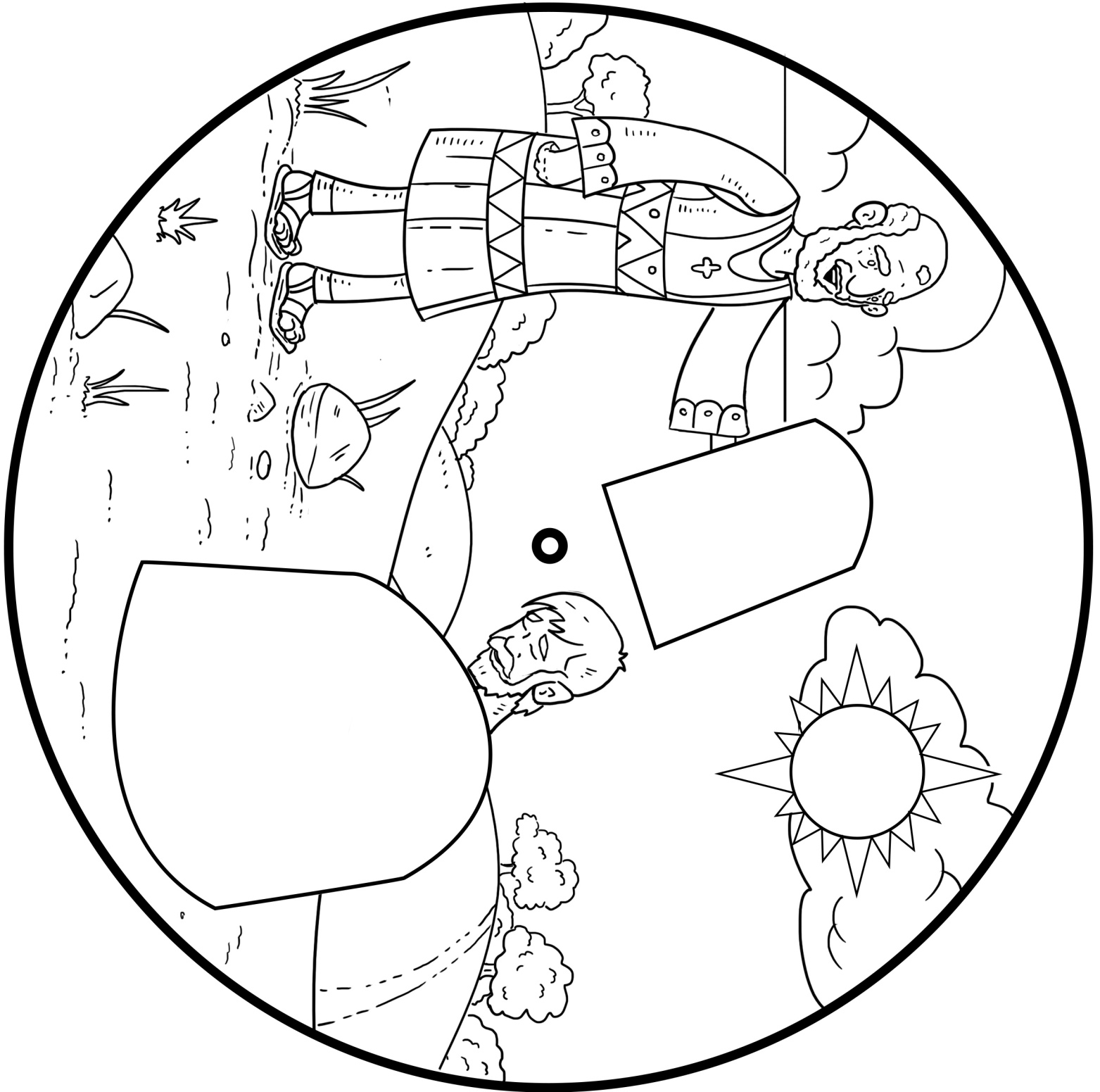
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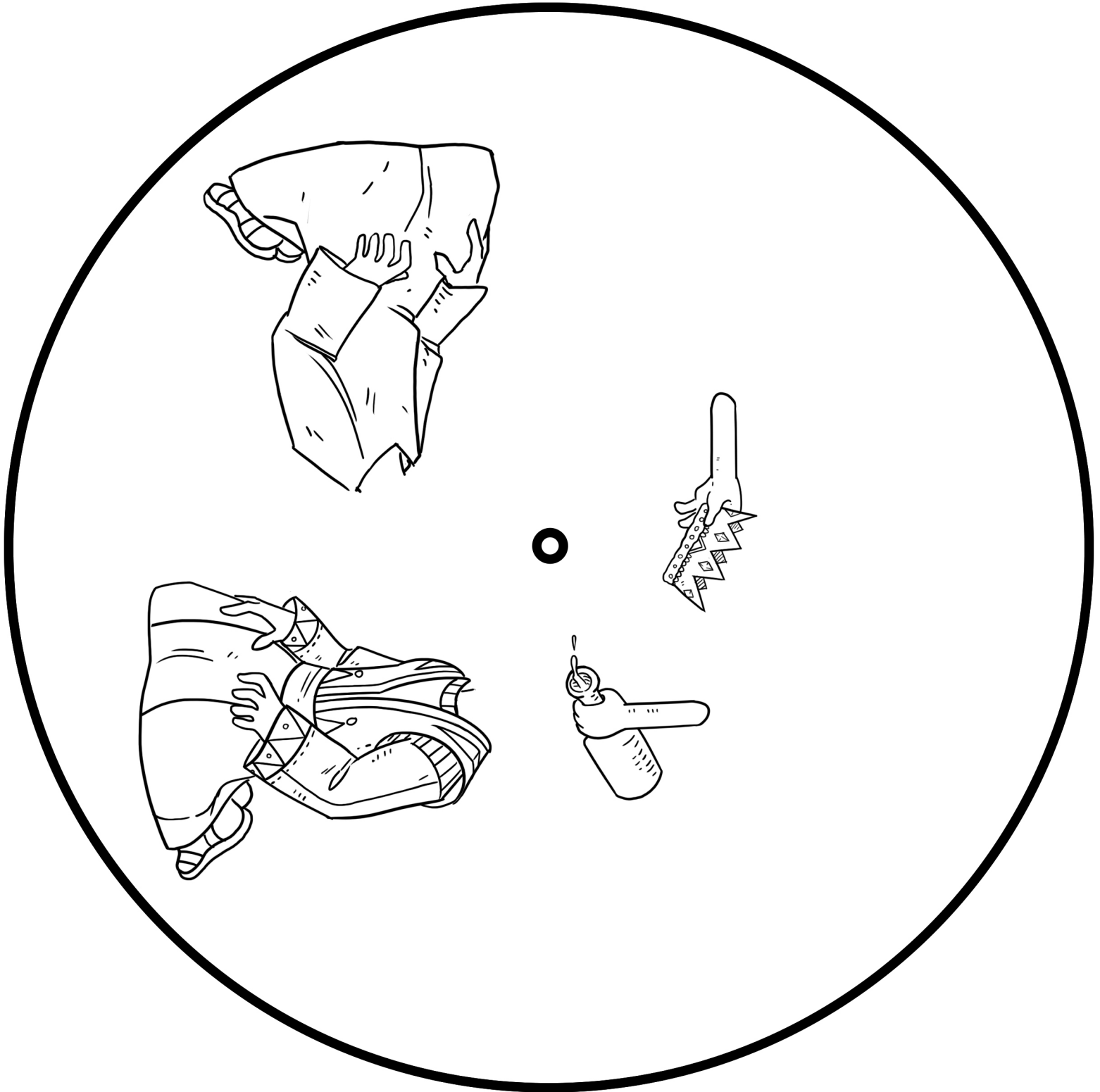
- Print one copy of each page per student

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color pages as desired
2. Carefully cut out wheels, including the two cutout pieces
3. Align wheel pieces with Samuel and Saul figures on top, then punch round head fastener through center guide hole for both wheels. Close fastener at the back
4. Spin the wheel to see Samuel anoint and crown Saul as King of Israel







HUMILITY BULLSEYE

It's a normal game of dropping the clothespin in the bottle, but instead of getting points for yourself, you'll be getting points for your neighbor. See how it changes the dynamic.



MATERIALS:

- Three clothespins
- Empty and clean milk jug
- Chair



PREPARATION:

1. Position the milk bottle immediately behind the chair.

INTRODUCTION

We're learning today about God picking Saul to be king of Israel, a young man of humble means. We often try to do things so that we are not humble. We like win at competitions. We like to be considered most important. We would probably all like to be a king or queen.

Jesus told us to do more for others and think less about ourselves. While playing this game, we will be collecting points for others, instead of ourselves. Do you think you would try to win just as hard if you knew your points were going to somebody else? Let's find out.

Instructions

1. Help students kneel on the chair, one at a time, and try to drop the clothespin so that it enters the neck of the bottle.
2. Announce that the student's points will go to the person behind him. Make him turn around and look into that smiling face.
3. Each student should get three tries. They earn the number of points as- the number of times they get the clothespin through the bullseye of the neck.
4. Discuss afterwards how it felt to be trying to get something for somebody else. Did it make each player more motivated or less? How did it feel to have someone else trying for them? Ask how they can use this lesson in the future to help them want to serve others more and themselves less.

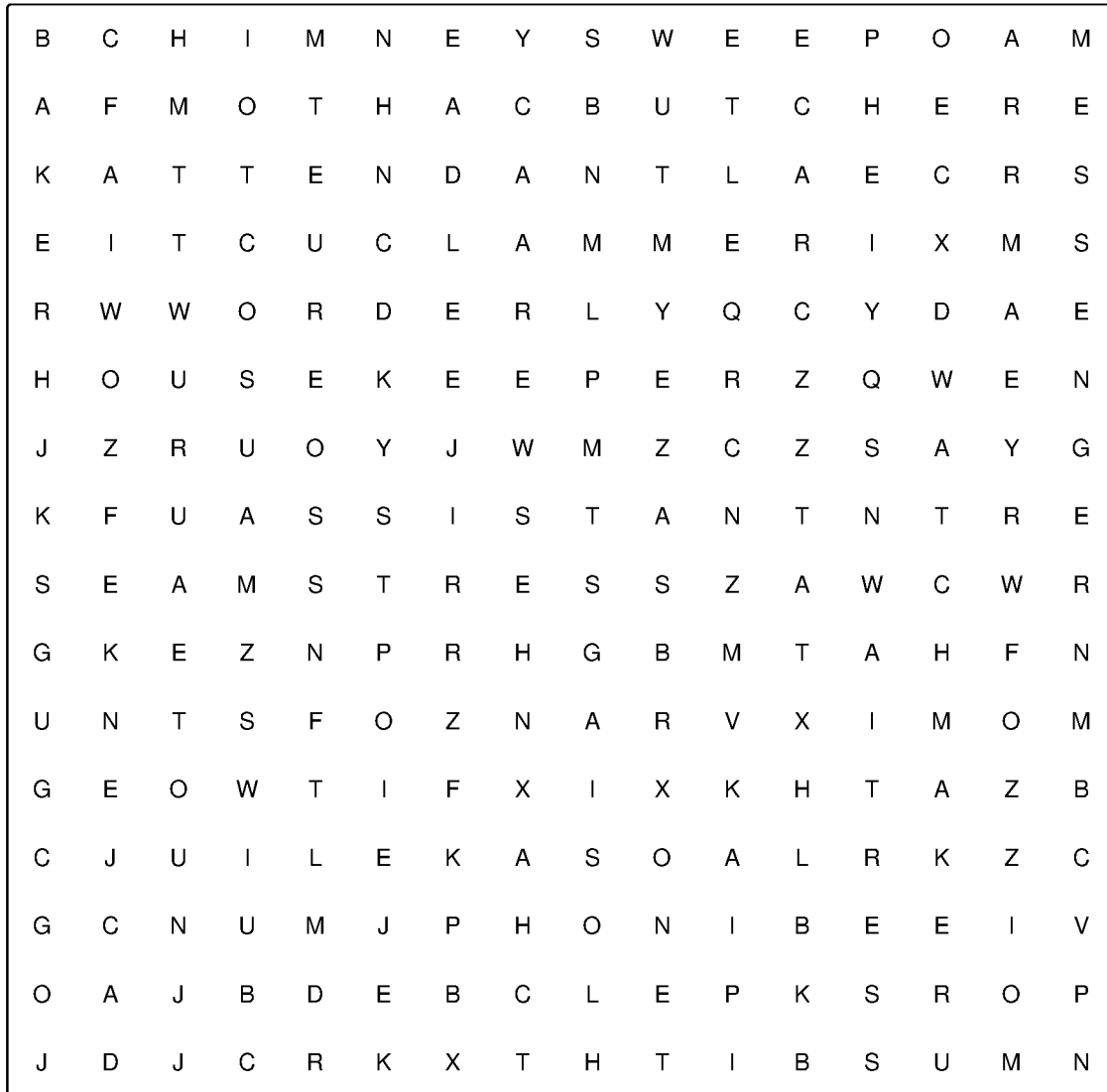
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WORD SEARCH

Instructions: Below is a list of occupations considered humble. Therefore, people often don't want to do these jobs. Do you think God would raise a king or queen from one of these occupations? Find them in the word search.



Words to Find:

JANITOR
WAITRESS
BUTCHER
BAKER

CLAMMER
WATCHMAKER
MESSENGER
REPAIRMAN

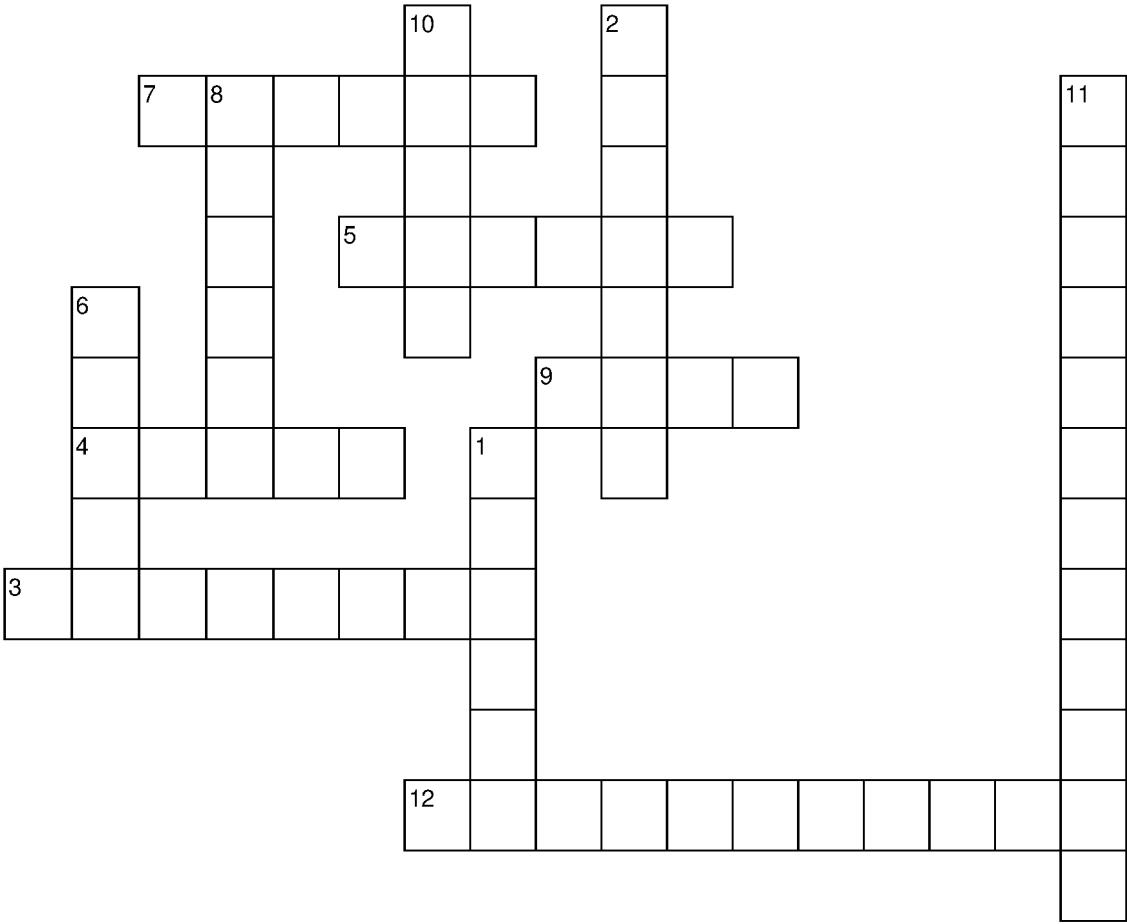
SEAMSTRESS
AIDE
ORDERLY
HOUSEKEEPER

CHIMNEYSWEEP
ATTENDANT
ASSISTANT
COOK

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Instructions: Use your At-A-Glance Sheet, Samuel the Prophet Timeline, to fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle below.



Across

- 3. Samuel is the only Bible character reported to hear the voice of the Lord at this stage of life
- 4. Samuel is the second prophet to tell people to return to God. The first prophet was...
- 5. Name of the battle won after the people listened to Samuel and threw out their idols
- 7. Samuel's corrupt sons were Joel and...
- 9. The first king that Samuel anointed
- 12. The army defeated at Mizpah

Down

- 1. Samuel's mother's name
- 2. Samuel's father's name
- 6. Place where Samuel lived and held court
- 8. Samuel's sons perverted justice and took these
- 10. Second king that Samuel anointed.
- 11. Type of person Saul called upon to speak to the dead Samuel

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PARENT HANDOUT



Scriptures to Read: 1 Samuel 9 & 10 Excerpts



This Week We Learned About ...

...Saul's humility and how that benefited him. When asked to be king he refused, saying that he was from a lowly tribe and believed that someone else would be better for the role. By doing this he demonstrated that he was thinking about the bigger picture and not just himself.



✓ Questions for Kids:

1. Saul is from which tribe? **A. Benjamin**
2. What Saul's Father's name? **A. Kish**
3. How much taller was Saul than everyone else?
A. A head taller

✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

Humility is understanding that you are but a small part of a big thing. Have you ever been on a team? What was your role on the team? Discuss the difference between a teammate who is out to be a star vs. a teammate who is thinking about the whole team and the game.

Why do you think it is better for teammates to think of each other and the game more than their own personal achievements? How do you think this can also make sense in your family, the church, and in our mission to the world?

Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



For the Lord your god is he who goes with you to fight for you and against your enemies, to give you the victory.
Deuteronomy 20:4



Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid: for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. **Isaiah 12:2**



May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!
Psalms 29:11

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AT A GLANCE: SAMUEL THE PROPHET TIMELINE

Samuel was a very wise prophet. He not only anointed the first two kings of Israel, but God was with him in amazing ways. Read the important facts about the life of Samuel below.

FACT #1

Samuel was born to Hannah and Elkanah around 1100 BC.

FACT #2

Samuel's mother had been unable to have children before Samuel came along. In gratitude she gave him to the priests to raise when he was just a toddler.

FACT #3

Samuel is the only recorded child in the Bible to have heard the voice of the Lord. God spoke to him three times in one night and ended by telling him the future of the current priest, Eli, and his wayward sons. It came to pass.

FACT #4

Samuel was the first prophet since Moses, 300 years earlier, to publicly demand that the people clean up their act and return to God.

FACT #5

Upon Samuel's influence, the people of Israel threw out their idols and then won the battle of Mizpah, against the large and fierce Philistines.

FACT #6

Samuel lived in Ramah and held court there as a judge.

FACT #7

As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons, Joel and Abijah, to do some of his work. But they took bribes and perverted justice.

FACT #8

The behavior of Joel and Abijah inspired the people of Israel to ask for a king.

FACT #9

Samuel anointed Saul as king after God told him to do it.

FACT #10

Saul lost his humility and got full of himself. In his place, Samuel anointed David the next king of Israel. David was around 17 at the time, and ran from Saul until Saul finally died.

FACT #11

Shortly before his death, Saul called upon a spiritualist to speak to Samuel from the grave. God does not want people talking to the dead, but rather to him. Samuel's spirit predicted the death of Saul and his sons the next day, which came to pass.

FACT #12

Samuel was buried in Ramah, where he held court. He died shortly before King Saul, around 1020 AD.



LEARNING LOOKUPS

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Lookup: Proverbs 8:13 and write it down.

Lookup: 1 Samuel 2:3 and write it down.

Question: The above scriptures both have to do with arrogance, a bad trait that eventually replaced humility in King Saul. If you were to become powerful or famous, how would you prevent becoming filled with arrogance?

Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Ask God to keep you humble while making you great in his eyes, using your own words:

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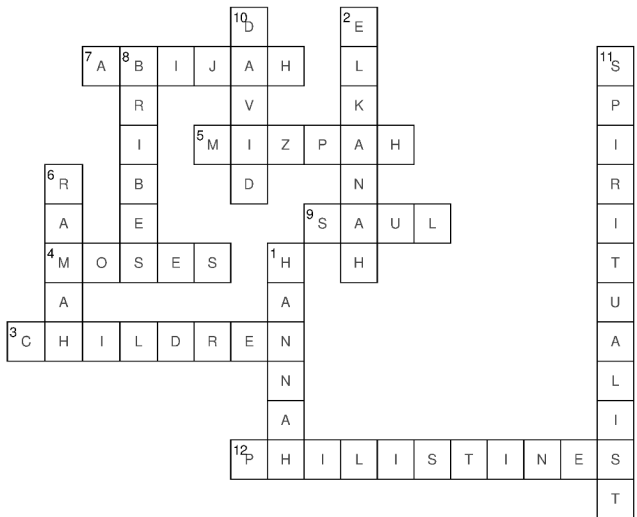
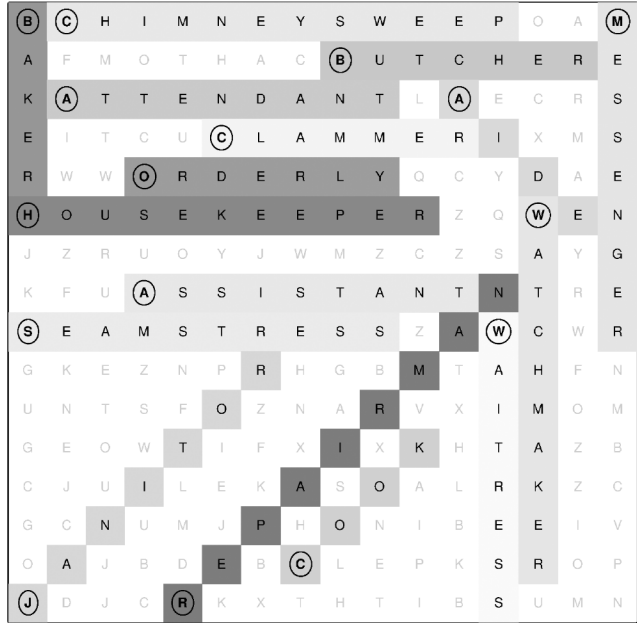
QUIZ

Humility is another word for being humble. We show humility when we acknowledge that we can always grow and become better people. Humility is the opposite of arrogance. We don't want to walk around thinking we are better or more important than other people. But we want to see the good in everyone and stay humble.

Fill in the blanks of these great verses about humility. Use an NIV translation Bible.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 1. Ephesians 4:2:** Be completely _____ and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
- 2. Philippians 2:3:** Do nothing out of selfish _____ or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
- 3. Proverbs 11:2:** When pride comes, then comes _____, but with humility comes wisdom.
- 4. Romans 12:16:** Live in _____ with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.
- 5. Proverbs 29:23:** Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain _____.
- 6. Proverbs 22:4:** Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are _____ and honor and life.
- 7. 1 Peter 5:6:** Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty _____, that he may lift you up in due time.
- 8. Proverbs 18:12:** Before a downfall the heart is _____, but humility comes before honor.



Teacher's QUIZ ANSWERS in order:

- 1) humble
- 2) ambition
- 3) disgrace
- 4) harmony
- 5) honor
- 6) riches
- 7) hand
- 8) haughty

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION



NAME:

DATE: