This week our study covers the subject of leadership. The Israelites wanted what the world had and demanded an earthly king.

“When men choose to have their own way, without seeking counsel from God, or in opposition to His revealed will, He often grants their desires, in order that, through the bitter experience that follows, they may be led to realize their folly and to repent of their sin.”

– Patriarchs & Prophets pp. 605, 606
“Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you”.

MEMORY VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 12:24

THERE’S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET’S READ:
1 Samuel 8:1-22

LET’S PRAY
Dear Lord, thank You for keeping me safe while I slept. Thank You that I have another day in which to learn more about You and to share You with some one else. Help me to be obedient to my parents, and kind and helpful to my family. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?

LET’S THINK ABOUT THIS

We are told in our reading from the Bible today that Samuel had handed over some of the judging responsibilities to his sons down at Beersheba. But verse 3 tells us that Samuel’s sons, Joel and Abijah, were not doing the right thing. They had chosen not to follow in the footsteps of their father. So the Israelites came and complained to Samuel and asked for a king to rule over them so they could be like the nations around them. Up until this time it was God who was the head of the nation and God had used people like Samuel to carry out His work. But now the Israelites wanted an earthly king to rule over them. Samuel, with a heavy heart, took their request to God. God instructed Samuel to tell the Israelites what was going to happen if a king ruled over them. The future life of the Israelite nation, ruled by kings, was not going to be a rosy one. There were going to be some good kings but the majority of them were going to be wicked men. Even though Samuel warned the people, the Israelites still wanted a king. God allowed them to have a king even though He knew it was not best for them. God allowed them to have free choice. God allows us free choice as well. God always wants the very best for us. He knows the end from the beginning. We can choose to serve Him or choose to serve the world. Whom do you choose to serve?

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 8:___

“___ __________. ___ _____ _____. __________. ___ ______ _________ ________, ___ _____ ____ the behaviour of the king who will reign over them.”
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LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today we were told about a man named Kish who had a tall and handsome son named Saul. Kish sent his son, Saul, and a servant on an errand to find some lost donkeys. They spent three days searching for the donkeys but they could not find them. Saul’s servant suggested that they go and see Samuel the prophet, who lived near by in the city of Ramah, to seek some advice on what to do next.

Just like Kish, who sent Saul out to search for his donkeys, God sent His son Jesus out to this earth to search for us. Jesus was sent to this earth to show us what God “is like” and to live a life as an example for us to follow. Jesus came knowing that He would die on the cross to save us from our sins so we “have a chance” of having eternal life with Him. Jesus made an amazing sacrifice for us. He came to seek and save the lost. Check out Matthew 18:11.

MEMORY VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 12:24

“Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you”.

THERE’S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET’S READ:
1 Samuel 9:1-13

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?

LET’S PRAY
Dear Father, thank You for loving me so much. Help me to worship You alone and to be Your obedient child. Please bless me with wisdom and discernment so that I can make good choices in my day-to-day journey with You. Thank You for my Bible. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY
Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins so I have the opportunity of eternal life with You. Lord I want to be Your best friend; please help me to draw close to You and to be faithful and obedient. Please help me to build my trust in You as I read Your Word. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 12:24
“Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you”.

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!
LET'S READ:
1 Samuel 9:14-27 & 10:1

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS
Our Bible reading today tells us about the meeting between Saul and Samuel. God had confirmed to Samuel, the day before, that this meeting would take place. So when it did God confirmed again that this indeed was the man to be king. Samuel informed Saul that his donkeys had been found and invited Saul to the sacrificial feast after the offering had been made to God. Verse 20 tells us that Samuel indicated to Saul that something was going to happen to him to change his life forever. After the feast Samuel took Saul back to his house and spoke with him regarding the work that was ahead for Saul. The next day Samuel anointed Saul as king.

Verse 25 tells us that Samuel had already started teaching Saul. This was the beginning of a father/son type relationship between Samuel and Saul. God wants to be your Father as well. He wants to teach you, through the power of the Holy Spirit, how to live your life so you will be a blessing to others. Look up these Bible verses: Psalm 27:11, Psalm 68:5, Psalm 143:10, Matthew 5:16 and Colossians 3:16.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 9:____
“When they had come down from the high place into the city, ______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?
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King Saul – 7
Let’s read: 1 Samuel 10:2-16

**Memory Verse - 1 Samuel 12:24**

“Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.”

**Find and Finish This Verse - 1 Samuel 10:___**

“___ ____ ___ ___ ____ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ 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THURSDAY

LET’S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for the sunshine and the rain. Thank You for the food I eat and the water I drink. Help me to be more grateful for the everyday things which You provide for me. Please send me Your Holy Spirit so I can understand what I read in my Bible today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 12:24

“Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you”.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 10:___

“___ _______ _______ _______ _______; ___ _______ _______ _______ _______, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?

LETS READ:
1 Samuel 10:17-27

LETS THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us that Samuel called the tribes to come to Mizpah to choose their king. With prayer and casting of lots, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen, then the family of Kish, then Saul the son of Kish. When they went in search of Saul he could not be found. Saul was so overwhelmed with the responsibility ahead of him he had hid himself, but God told the people where to find him. Saul was publicly proclaimed as king. Verse 25 tells us that Samuel wrote a book about the behaviour of royalty. This was done because God wanted them to realize that, even though they had rejected Him as their ruler, the king was still to be subject to God and was to keep His commandments. If they followed this guidance it would be a successful monarchy. Verse 27 tells us that there were a group of Israelites that were not happy with Saul being chosen because he was from the smallest tribe. They thought a leader should have been chosen from one of the larger more powerful tribes. Saul was chosen as their earthly king, but God was still to be recognized as the higher power over them. It was with Samuel’s help as priest, prophet, and judge that Saul was to lead the people, by example, to look to God and worship Him alone – not the idols of the land. Jesus asks us to follow Him and be an example to others. Check out Matthew 16:24 & Ephesians 5:1-4.
**WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?**

Let's Think About This

In our reading today the Bible told us that there was a battle on the east side of the Jordan in the territory that had been given to the tribe of Gad. The Ammonites came up against them at a town called Jabesh Gilead. King Saul and three hundred and thirty thousand Israelites came to their rescue. Like Gideon, Saul divided his army into three groups and came upon the Ammonite encampment from three different directions early in the morning, when they did not expect it. Because of the surprise attack, the Israelites won the battle and the Ammonites were completely defeated. It was suggested to Samuel and Saul that the people who refused to acknowledge Saul as their king should be put to death. But Saul, because of the Holy Spirit changing his heart, did not want to kill these men in an act of revenge. He had the spirit of forgiveness and compassion for his fellow brethren. Samuel called the Israelites to Gilgal to offer peace offerings to the LORD and to confirm again the kingship of Saul to the nation.

Jesus wants us to be compassionate towards others. Read 1 Peter 3:8-9.

**MEMORY VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 12:24**

“Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you”.

**THERE’S POWER IN THE WORD!**

**LET’S READ:**
1 Samuel 11:1-15

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**LET’S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for keeping me safe this past week. Thank You for the many blessings You shower upon me day after day. Help me to understand what I read in the Bible today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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**LET’S THINK ABOUT THIS**

“Now there was Saul, coming behind the herd from the field; and Saul said, ‘What _____ ___ ______, ___ ___ ___?’ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___.”

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**FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 11:___**
“Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you”.

1. What did Kish lose that he asked Saul to go out and find? ________________
2. What did Samuel anoint Saul with? ________________
3. How many loaves of bread did the three men give to Saul on his way home? ________________
4. What was the name of the town that was attacked by the Ammonites? ________________
5. What did the Israelites have to repent of? Clue in 1 Sam 12: 17, 19 ________________