



**Sunday School Study Plan**  
**July 2024 with Ms. Theresa Edwards and Mr. Verdell Schoats**

**Theme for the July Weeks (July 7, 14, 21, and 28)**  
**1st Samuel: The Rise and Fall of Saul**

**Week 1- Israel Asks for a King**

**Chapters 8-10**

Guiding Questions:

1. Why did the Israelites want a king?
2. Who were the Israelites rejecting when they asked for a king?
3. What warning did Samuel give the Israelites when they insisted on having a king?
4. How was Saul described?
5. What prophet did Saul and his servant meet when they were looking for donkeys?
6. When did God tell Samuel he would meet the man who would be the king?
7. Who would this man save the Israelites from?
8. After Saul sees a procession of prophets in Gibeah, what happened to him?
9. Why are Gilgal and Mizpah important places in Saul's story?
10. Where was Saul when his name was taken by lot to be the king?

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
  - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2 SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND ONE KEY WORD FOR DISCUSSION
  - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR BACKGROUND
  - C. REVIEW VARIED TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE MEANINGS
3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

**Week 2 - Samuel's Warning to the Israelites**

**Chapter 12; Chapter 13:1; Chapter 14:24-30; 14:36-40**

Guiding Questions:

1. Who was the greatest witness against the Israelites?
2. When the Israelites insisted on having a king, who did Samuel say their king was?
3. Because the Israelites insisted on having a king, what did Samuel ask the Lord to do?
4. When Samuel's prayer was answered, what did the Israelites do?
5. How old was Saul when he became king of Israel?
6. What did Saul do when Samuel didn't come as quickly as Saul thought he should?
7. Why was Saul determined to kill his son Jonathan?
8. How did the men prevent Saul from doing that?

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**2 Timothy 2:15**, KJV: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:15**, NASB: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."



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**Week 3 - The Lord Rejects Saul as King**

**Chapters 15-16; Chapter 17:11, 32, 37; Chapter 19**

Guiding Questions:

1. What were Samuel's instructions to Saul regarding the Amalekites?
2. Why did God reject Saul as king?
3. What did Samuel do to Agag?
4. What was David doing when Samuel went to Jesse's house looking for the future king?
5. Why did David play the harp for Saul?
6. What was Goliath to the Israelites?
7. Why was David confident he could kill Goliath?
8. After David killed Goliath, how did Jonathan and Michal help him?
9. When Saul went to Naioth at Ramah, what did people say and do?

**Week 4 - The Death of Saul**

**Chapter 20:3-11; Chapter 22:18-22; Chapter 28:3; 28:19; Chapter 31**

Guiding Questions

1. What did David know about Saul's attitude toward him (David) that Jonathan did not know?
2. When did Jonathan realize his father intended to kill David?
3. What request of Saul did Doeg the Edomite fulfill?
4. How did Abiathar help David?
5. When Saul visited the Medium at Endor, why did he go disguised as a woman?
6. When the Medium at Endor brought Samuel up from the dead, what did Samuel tell Saul?
7. How did Saul die?
8. What did the Philistines do to Saul after he died?