

PRESCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK'S STORY:

Israel Wants a King

UNIT: Kingdom

UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

PSALM 119:105

TEACHING TRUTH:

God is our perfect king

READ: 1 Samuel 8:1-9

OPTIONAL: "Israel's First King" (pages 164-167) from [The Beginner's Bible](#)

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. What did the Israelites want? (*A king they could see.*)
2. Did the Israelites trust God when Samuel told them that a king was not the best way? (*No, they did not listen. They went their own way and still asked for a king.*)
3. Did God give them a king they could see even though He warned them it was not best? (*Yes, God gave them a king, but He wanted them to know that only He is our perfect king.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. Is it always easy to trust that God's way is the best way? (*No, it can be hard sometimes. But we can always trust God, even when it is hard, because He is good and loves us.*)
2. What do you think God wants us to learn from this story? (*Let your kids answer and then bring them back to this week's Teaching Truth: God is our perfect king.*)
3. Pray a short, simple prayer thanking God that He is our perfect king.