



L1.45: Samuel and Saul

1 Samuel 9-12

The people wanted a king, so God had a particular man in mind for the job. This young man's name was Saul, and he was from the tribe of Benjamin. Saul was the tallest and most handsome man in all the land! God told Samuel that he wanted Saul to be king. Little did Saul know about what was in store for him!

One day, Saul's father told him to take a servant with him to look for his two missing donkeys. Saul and his servant searched and searched but they could not find them. They were about to give up when they remembered Samuel and decided that the man of God would be able to help them. He was, of course, able to help them, but not in the way that Saul expected. How could Saul know that the two missing donkeys were part of God's plan to anoint a king over Israel?

Discuss:

- Saul was tall and handsome. Do you think this was part of the reason God chose him to be the first king?
- When Samuel first told Saul about God's plan to make him king, how did Saul react? How do we react when someone tells us something surprising?
- Why do you think Saul kept it a secret that he had been anointed by Samuel to be the king?
- When Samuel went to proclaim to the people who would be king, where was Saul? Why do you think he was hiding?
- Later, God said that Saul was "small in his own eyes" at this time. This is another way of saying that he was "humble". What exactly does it mean to be "humble" or "small in your own eyes?"



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Memory Challenge:

1 Samuel 10:24

And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?" So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"