1 Samuel 10

“*The King Proclaimed”*

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 10:1-27

**Memory Verse:** *“Then I will give them one heart and put a new spirit within them…”*

Ezekiel 11:19a

**Lesson Focus:** God gives Israel a King and gives Saul a new heart

**Activities and Crafts:**  Coloring page, Work sheet

Craft for 1st and 2nd graders: The Crown Story of Samuel 8-10

**Introduction:** Musical Heart: Play the game like “Hot Potato”. Turn music on and pass the heart. When the music stops the person with the heart wins (does not loose.) Play the game several times and then stop. Ask the kids what is different about this version of the game. (The person with the heart wins.) Tell them that today we will be talking about new hearts. That God wants to give all of a new heart when we believe in Him.

**Bible Study:**

**Review:** Remind the kids that in the last chapters of Samuel, we learned that Israel wanted a new king. They wanted a king to be like all of the other nations around them. But because they wanted an earthly king they were saying that God was not their King and that God was not enough. God lets them know through Samuel what a King will be like (that he will take the best of what they have) and that God know they are turning their back on their true King. But God will give them what they want. So God directs Samuel to Saul and Saul to Samuel through “lost donkeys.” Samuel and Saul come together and God tells Samuel that this is the man that God has chosen to lead Israel.

**1 Samuel 10:1:** *“The Anointing”*

√ What does Samuel do? (Pouring oil over Sauls head and kissing him was the

way they would anoint someone for office.) This was symbolic of showing the God has chosen him.

√ What did Samuel say to Saul?

* God has chosen (anointed) you
* God has made you commander (not king)
* Saul will rule over “God’s inheritance”. The people of Israel are God’s people. He chose them. God is still the ultimate ruler.

**1 Samuel 10:2-8**  “*The Directions”*

Directions #1: 1 Samuel 10:2

1. 2 men by Rachel’s tomb
2. They will tell you the donkeys have been found
3. They will tell you to hurry home – his father’s worried

Directions #2: 1 Samuel 10:3-4

1. Come to a tree will meet 3 men
2. They will give you loaves of bread

Directions #3: 1 Samuel 10:5-6

1. Come to a hill and will meet a group of prophets
2. The Spirit of God will come on you
3. You will join the prophets and prophesy
4. You will become another man

Directions #4: 1 Samuel 10:7

1. When these things happen to you, obey
2. God is with you

Directions #4: 1 Samuel 10:8

1. Go to Gilgal
2. Wait for me 7 days

√ Why do you think that God had Samuel tell Saul all the things that were going

to happen to him?

√ What do you think that Saul was thinking? Do you think that he understood?

√ Do you think that it was important that God was going to give the Spirit of

God? Why or why not?

√ Do you think that Saul will obey?

**1 Samuel 10:9-16** *“The New Man”*

√ What was the first thing that Saul did? (He turned his back to go.) He obeyed

and started on his journey.

√ What is the first thing that God did for Saul? (He gave him a new heart.)

√ What does it mean to get a new heart? (It means that God changed his heart.)

1 Samuel 10:6, told us that Samuel said that he would be changed into another man. This man would have a heart for God. He would be a new creation. God has always cared about our hearts.

1 Corinthians 5:17, tells us that when we know Jesus as our Savior that we become a new creation – we are followers of God now. We have a new heart.

Ezekiel 11:19-20 – tells us that God wants to give Israel and us a new heart – one that will walk in God’s ways. A new heart is a heart that loves God the most and obeys Him.

God gave Saul a new heart and he was a new man. He had the Spirit of God inside of him and with the Spirit’s help he could be a man of God and make the right choices. God gave Saul everything he needed to be a godly leader. But we will see as we go through this book that Saul does not let his new heart guide him. He will choose to follow what he wants and it will not turn out well for Saul.

Everything happens just as Samuel told him it would. When Saul meets the

prophets – because he has the Spirit of God – he is able to prophesy (to speak God’s truth.)

√ What happens when people that knew him before this saw him?

(they did not understand and did not quite believe that he was capable to do this…because he was just the son of Kish.)

√ What did Saul’s uncle want to know?

√ What did Saul tell him? Why did he not tell him what Samuel

had said to him?

**1 Samuel 10:17-** *“The Annointing”*

√ What does Samuel do?

1. Calls all of the people together
2. Reminds them of God’s faithfulness
3. Reminds them that they are turning their backs on the True King
4. Calls them to present them selves:
   1. The tribe of Benjamin was chosen
   2. The family of Matri was chosen
   3. The son of Kish was chosen (Saul)

√ Can they find Saul?

√ What does God tell them?

√ Why is Saul hiding in the equipment?

√ What is the first thing that the people notice?

* He is taller – (he looks like a king)

√ How do the people respond to Saul? What do they say?

√ What does Samuel write down?

√ Where does Saul go?

√ Who goes with him?

√ What did God do for Saul? (He touched men’s hearts to be loyal to him)

**Conclusion:** What can we learn from this story?

1. God gives us a new heart. Just like God gave Saul a new heart through the Spirit of God – God does the same for us. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, *“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* When we accept Jesus as our Savior – then God gives us His Spirit to live inside of us. We get a new heart. We have everything we need to follow God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything is new and we have the ability to obey and follow.
2. Obedience is the key to following God. Saul had to turn from Samuel and go on his path and believe that what Samuel said was going to come true. He had to meet the men that Saul told him about and he had to accept the bread. God is giving Saul every chance for obedience. God give us every chance – but He does not force us. If you know Jesus as your Savior – you are a new creation in Christ. You have a new heart – but you choose to obey God and follow Jesus or to listen to the world. We still have that “old man” living inside of us too! The old man is sin and it does not want the “new man” to win. But God does! And He gives us everything we need to win through the Holy Spirit.