



Like Everyone Else: Israel (1 Samuel 8) – Like Everyone Else
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One Story Resources – Day 120

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Following Jesus means resisting the pressure to be like everyone else

The pressure to solve your problems like everyone else

Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel.
1 Samuel 8:1 NKJV

The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. **1 Samuel 8:2 NKJV**

But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice. **1 Samuel 8:3 NKJV**

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, **1 Samuel 8:4 NKJV**

and said to him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.” **1 Samuel 8:5 NKJV**

The pressure to reject God’s leadership like everyone else

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” So Samuel prayed to the Lord. **1 Samuel 8:6 NKJV**

And the Lord said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. **1 Samuel 8:7 NKJV**

According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. **1 Samuel 8:8 NKJV**

Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them.” **1 Samuel 8:9 NKJV**

The pressure to avoid the conversation like everyone else

in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, **2 Timothy 2:25 NKJV**

The pressure to stop seeking God like everyone else

Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No, but we will have a king over us, **1 Samuel 8:19 NKJV**

that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” **1 Samuel 8:20 NKJV**

And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the Lord. **1 Samuel 8:21 NKJV**

So the Lord said to Samuel, “Heed their voice, and make them a king.” And Samuel said to the men of Israel, “Every man go to his city.” **1 Samuel 8:22 NKJV**

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. **Romans 12:2 NKJV**

This Week's [One Story Bible Readings](#):

- 120. 1 Samuel 7, 1 Samuel 8, Hosea 13:9-11
- 121. 1 Samuel 9, 1 Samuel 10, Deuteronomy 17:14-20
- 122. 1 Samuel 11, 1 Samuel 12, 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- 123. 1 Samuel 13:1-15, 1 Samuel 15, Acts 13:16-23
- 124. 1 Samuel 13:16-23, 1 Samuel 14, 2 Chronicles 14:11
- 125. 1 Samuel 16, Psalm 78:70-72, John 7:24
- 126. Reflection and Prayer

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GOD IS WITH US

DAVID AND GOLIATH



In this series, we will be learning the story of David and Goliath. We will learn that even though we are small, God is always with us!

Memory Verse: God is with us. Joshua 1:9c (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Is With Us

Parent Connect: We're starting a new series about David and Goliath today! Sing this song to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" with your toddler this week to reinforce the lesson.

Goliath stood so tall. (Stand on your tiptoes.)

David was so small. (Squat down.)

Clap your hands and turn around (clap twice; then turn around) —

God is with us all! (March in place.)

David trusted God. (Cross your arms over your chest.)

He made Goliath fall. (Crouch down.)

Clap your hands and turn around (clap twice; then turn around) —

God is with us all! (March in place.)

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ISRAEL GETS A KING

PART FIVE OF OUR WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE



This month we will be learning about how Israel wanted a king so they could be like everyone else. We will be learning about Israel's first king, Saul and how he wasn't following God. Then we will learn about Israel's second king, David and how he did have a heart like God and God was with him.

Memory Verse: "The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need." Psalm 23:1

Heart of the Lesson: Listen to God - Israel Wants a King - 1 Samuel 1, 3, 7-8:1-4

Parent Connect: Open the [GKJr Worship Spotify Playlist](#). Remind your kid that today we learned to listen to God. Let's practice listening with a fun game of freeze dance. Start playing a song from the linked playlist and encourage your whole family to dance to the song, randomly pause the song and have everyone in your family freeze until the music comes back on. Do this for as long as your kid is interested in playing. When you finish, say **Great job listening! To be good at this game you had to be good at listening! We want to be good at listening to God also. God's voice may not sound like the music in our game, but when we read the Bible and be still - we learn to recognize God's voice in our heart. Keep listening and learning about God and you will get to know His voice better and better.**



In this three week series, we will be continuing through the One Story and discovering how Israel tried at times to be like everyone else, but God calls His people to be different from everyone else. We will be thinking about how a GPS helps you get to your destination and shows you the way to go and relate it to how God leads us.

Memory Verse: Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is King - Israel wants a King - 1 Samuel 7-8

Parent Connect: Draw your King. At home during some downtime, get some paper and draw a circle for your king's head. Then pass it to the next person and have them add something. Once you have a whole face and characteristics to your king, discuss how Jesus is the perfect King!



In this series, we will be continuing through One Story and discovering how God showed the Israelites that He was Among Us but Israel tried at times to live like an Imposter. God calls His people to be different from the world. In what ways are you tempted, like Israel, to forget who you are?

Memory Verse: We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. 2 Corinthians 6:8

Heart of the Lesson: How was Israel trying to be an Imposter from God's plan? - 1 Samuel 8

Parent Connect: In what ways do you try to be like everyone else? How can you look to Jesus instead? Spend some time journaling about it!



As we continue through the Bible, we see that God wanted His people to live differently than the world! Just like God wanted the Israelites to live differently than other nations, He wants us to live differently than the world too!

Memory Verse: Romans 12:2a (NIRV) "Don't live the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you"