

SAMUEL ANOINTS SAUL

1 Samuel 9:1-10:8

1 Samuel 9

¹There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. ²He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites—a head taller than any of the others.

³Now the donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the servants with you and go and look for the donkeys." ⁴So he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and through the area around Shalisha, but they did not find them. They went on into the district of Shaalim, but the donkeys were not there. Then he passed through the territory of Benjamin, but they did not find them.

⁵When they reached the district of Zuph, Saul said to the servant who was with him, "Come, let's go back, or my father will stop thinking about the donkeys and start worrying about us."

⁶But the servant replied, "Look, in this town there is a man of God; he is highly respected, and everything he says comes true. Let's go there now. Perhaps he will tell us what way to take."

⁷Saul said to his servant, "If we go, what can we give the man? The food in our sacks is gone. We have no gift to take to the man of God. What do we have?"

⁸The servant answered him again. "Look," he said, "I have a quarter of a shekel of silver. I will give it to the man of God so that he will tell us what way to take." ⁹(Formerly in Israel, if a man went to inquire of God, he would say, "Come, let us go to the seer," because the prophet of today used to be called a seer.)

¹⁰"Good," Saul said to his servant. "Come, let's go." So they set out for the town where the man of God was.

¹¹As they were going up the hill to the town, they met some girls coming out to draw water, and they asked them, "Is the seer here?"

¹²"He is," they answered. "He's ahead of you. Hurry now; he has just come to our town today, for the people have a sacrifice at the high place. ¹³As soon as you enter the town, you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. The people will not begin eating until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterward, those who are invited will eat. Go up now; you should find him about this time."

¹⁴They went up to the town, and as they were entering it, there was Samuel, coming toward them on his way up to the high place.

¹⁵Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed this to Samuel: ¹⁶"About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him leader over my people Israel; he will deliver my people from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked upon my people, for their cry has reached me."

¹⁷When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD said to him, "This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern my people."

¹⁸Saul approached Samuel in the gateway and asked, "Would you please tell me where the seer's house is?"

¹⁹"I am the seer," Samuel replied. "Go up ahead of me to the high place, for today you are to eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart. ²⁰As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, do not worry about them; they

have been found. And to whom is all the desire of Israel turned, if not to you and all your father's family?"

²¹Saul answered, "But am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why do you say such a thing to me?"

²²Then Samuel brought Saul and his servant into the hall and seated them at the head of those who were invited—about thirty in number. ²³Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the piece of meat I gave you, the one I told you to lay aside."

²⁴So the cook took up the leg with what was on it and set it in front of Saul. Samuel said, "Here is what has been kept for you. Eat, because it was set aside for you for this occasion, from the time I said, 'I have invited guests.'" And Saul dined with Samuel that day.

²⁵After they came down from the high place to the town, Samuel talked with Saul on the roof of his house. ²⁶They rose about daybreak and Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Get ready, and I will send you on your way." When Saul got ready, he and Samuel went outside together. ²⁷As they were going down to the edge of the town, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us"—and the servant did so—"but you stay here awhile, so that I may give you a message from God."

1 Samuel 10

¹Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance? ²When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will say to you, 'The donkeys you set out to look for have been found. And now your father has stopped thinking about them and is worried about you. He is asking, "What shall I do about my son?"'

³"Then you will go on from there until you reach the great tree of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there. One will be carrying three young goats, another three loaves of bread, and another a skin of wine. ⁴They will greet you and offer you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them.

⁵"After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, tambourines, flutes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying. ⁶The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. ⁷Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

⁸"Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do."

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Saul go see Samuel?
5		2.) What did Samuel do to Saul? (Verse 10:1)
5		3.) What was one thing that Samuel said would happen as Saul went back home?
5		4.) Why do you think Saul was treated so well at Samuel's feast?

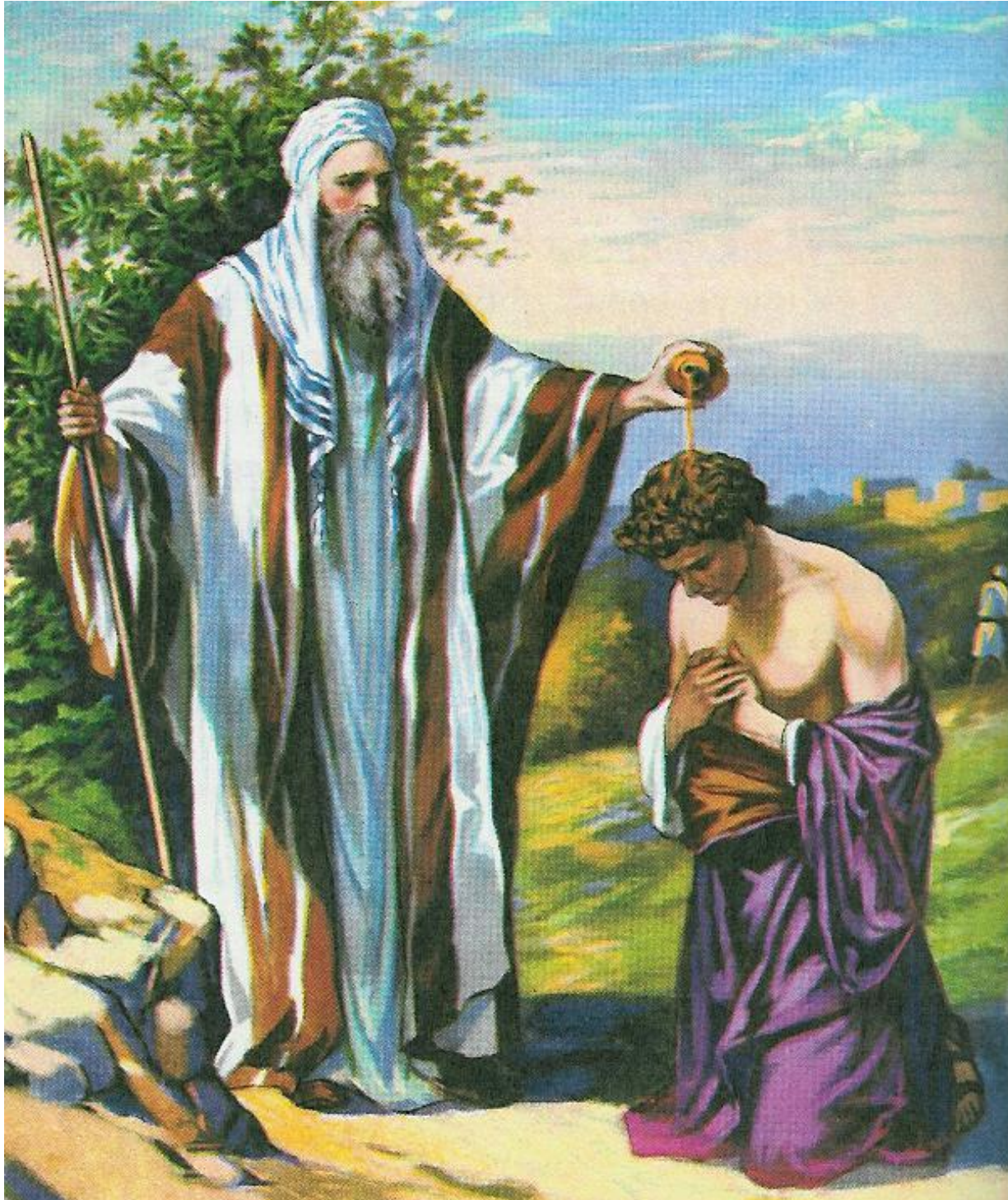
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Thessalonians 1:4</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
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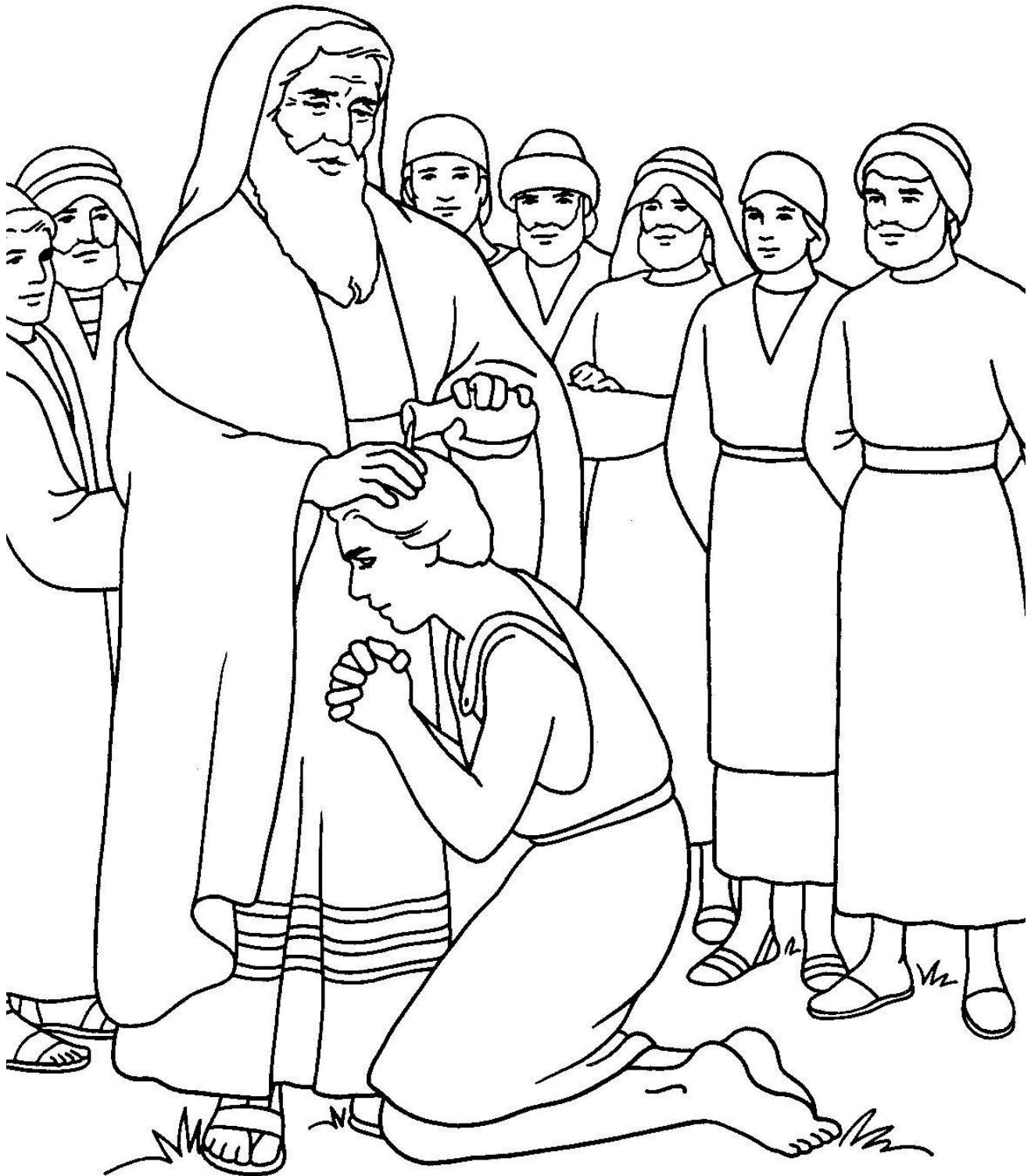
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Samuel puts oil on Saul's head to show that he will be the next king

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: ANOINTING SCENE

Students will make a scene depicting Samuel as he anoints Saul with oil.

MATERIALS

1. 67 Lb. White Cardstock
2. Samuel & Saul Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Paper Plates



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “Samuel & Saul Pattern” onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the Samuel and Saul figures.
3. Allow students to cut out the two men and the shape that says “Samuel Anoints Saul”.
4. Instruct students to glue the men and the shape that says “Samuel Anoints Saul” to the paper plate.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their anointing scene, help them understand that pouring oil on the head of Saul indicated that he was to be the king to rule over the Israelites.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

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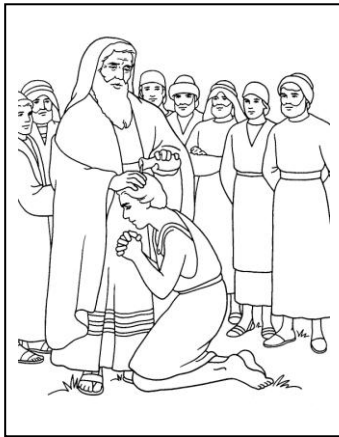
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There was a tall man named Saul who was sent by his father to find his donkeys. Saul couldn't find his father's donkeys and was about to go back home.

The servant who was with him said they should ask Samuel for help.

Samuel knew that Saul was coming to see him. The Lord told Samuel the day before.

"Anoint him king over Israel. I have looked upon my people, for their cry has reached me," said the Lord to Samuel.

At a special feast, Saul ate with Samuel.

Later, Samuel and Saul talked on Samuel's roof. Samuel took some oil and poured it on Saul's head.

Samuel told Saul to meet up with several different people.

"The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power," said Samuel.

To find out more, read 1 Samuel 9:1-10:8 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did Saul go to see Samuel?
2. What did Samuel do to Saul?
3. How did Samuel know that Saul was coming?
4. Why do you think Samuel put oil on Saul's head?

MEMORY VERSE

"For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you."

1 Thessalonians 1:4

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