

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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God Is in Charge

Part of The Big God Story
1 Samuel 8–10; 15
Rise and Fall of King Saul

JUST FOR FUN

One night this week, take your children outside to look at the stars. Talk about how amazing it is that God created the heavens and the earth. He is in charge of it all ... and He's in charge of our lives too! Go inside and sit together as you read about God choosing Saul to be king in **1 Samuel 9:14–17**. Share that later, Saul made some really bad choices and forgot that God was in charge. He stopped listening to and obeying God. Also read **1 Samuel 15:10–11**. Talk about how important it is to listen to God and remember He is in charge.

Did You Know?

- God is sovereign. Even not fully understanding the big picture of what God is doing, our job is still to obey.
- David is an example of one who chose to serve God with his whole heart. David gave God the glory and proved himself faithful. God blessed David by giving him the kingdom of Israel to rule.
- Saul, on the other hand, neglected to follow God's command and refused to acknowledge God was in control in selecting the next king.
- Knowing who God is helps us to understand who we are. When we see that God is in charge—completely—we can know our role and our place before Him.

Remember Verse

Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not
be discouraged; for the Lord
your God will be with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Children this age truly are sponges—they soak everything in and retain a great deal more than we do as adults. Reading and discussing Scripture with your child is a great way to help her grow spiritually, and as a bonus, it also helps your child develop literacy skills.

Teachable Moments

After reading
1 Samuel 9:14–17 and
15:10–11, discuss the
following together:

- What did God ask Saul to do?
- Why did God regret making Saul king?
- Knowing God is in charge, how should we respond when He asks us to do something?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you always know that you're a (son/daughter) of the most perfect King. May you remember that God is in charge, and He knows what's best for you.