

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 OUR KING

1 Samuel 10:17-25

God's people decided they really wanted to be led by a human king, even though God is their true King. God gave them what they wanted and chose a man named Saul to be the first king of Israel.

JUST FOR FUN

Ask your children to list as many things they can think of that go with being a king. Discuss some kings they may have read about or seen in movies. Then share that one thing all kings have in common is that they rule over the people in their kingdom. Read **1 Samuel 10:17-25**. Explain that God's people wanted a king to rule over them—exactly like the other countries around them. Share that God warned against this. They were His children in His kingdom and He wanted to be their King, just like He wants to be your King today.

Did You Know?

- Prior to having a king in place, the Israelites were led by judges and prophets.
- Scripture tells us that God had plans to establish a monarchy in Israel even before the Israelites asked God for their king.
- As the Israelites felt the threat of approaching enemies, they were no longer content to wait on God's timing and demanded a king immediately.

Remember Verse

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

Your child may enjoy hearing Bible stories but may have trouble understanding some of them. Read stories from a children's Bible and be sure to spend time answering her questions as you read.

Teachable Moments

- Why did the people want a king?
- Who was the man God gave to them as king?
- How can we show God that we want Him to be our king?

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 know that God is your King. May you praise Him always.