

Saul Disobeys

Ask: Who likes getting presents?

Presents Game: Show two presents at a time, let the children choose which one they want. Then show what is in them and see who wants to swap.

Ask: Do you try to guess what is in your presents?

Say: You can't always tell what's in a present, you have to wait and see when you open it. Today we have two stories and in both of them, God can see things that the people can't see.

Bible Story

Say: David's oldest brother must have been very good looking, and when Samuel saw him, he thought he must be the one that the Lord had chosen. God told Samuel that Samuel could only see what he looked like on the outside but God could see his heart.

Say: Our craft today is to make some little gifts; they look very nice on the outside but not on the inside.

Say: People can look very nice on the outside, but what is most important is what is on the inside; and God knows exactly what is on the inside. God knows why people do the things they do; He knows if they really love Him and want to obey Him.

Say: You can hang your little gifts on the Christmas tree at home; when you look at them remember that God wants to make you good on the inside; and the best gift that God gave us, was to send Jesus to save us.

Sing Songs

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Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks and then say the memory verse on the colouring page.

Primary Craft: Gift Ornaments

- Tape foam pieces or cardboard layers into a box shape
- Wrap the box with wrapping paper or cover with contact
- Stick curled ribbon on top
- Tape a loop onto the box to hang on the Christmas tree

Discuss the following depending on age, interest and time:

If Saul had waited for Samuel, could God have saved them, even if all of His army had left? (Remember Gideon's army)
How do you think your parents or teachers would feel if you stole something to give them as a gift? (Happy that you thought of them, but upset that you stole something)
If your parents asked you to do a certain chore and you went and made them a card instead; would they be happy?
Briefly discuss how breaking the 5-10th Commandments hurts other people. Briefly discuss how breaking the 1-3rd Commandments hurts our relationship with God. The 4th Commandment is the only one that doesn't have an obvious reason. Our best reason for obeying it is that that is what God has asked. How do you think God feels when we don't keep the Sabbath, even if we are obeying all the other Commandments? (Sad/hurt)

Say: We can be like David, who, although he was only young, loved and obeyed God with all his heart. Or we can be like Saul, whose heart became proud and didn't want to obey God anymore.

Finish with Prayer: Pray that we will have a heart like David did.