

Year 2

Week 68

God Gives His People a King

Scriptures: I Samuel 8, 9, 10

Key Verse: I Samuel 10:19 ‘But you have now rejected your God, who saves you out of all your calamities and distresses. And you have said “No, set us a king over us.” So now present yourselves by your tribes and clans.’

Key Points:

1. When Samuel grew old he appointed his sons, Joel and Abijah, as judges. They did not walk with God, they were unruly and dishonest. Because of this, the elders of Israel begged for a king. They wanted a king as all the other nations had. This displeased Samuel, thinking they were rejecting him, but God told him it was HIM they were rejecting.

2. Samuel made it clear to the people what would happen if they had a king. (go over ch. 8:10-17) The people refused to listen. He went to the Lord and He told Samuel to let them have their way, give them a king.

3. A Benjamite man, named Kish, was an upstanding man. He had a son, Saul, an impressive man who stood head and shoulders taller than any others. His father sent him and his servants to search for some lost donkeys. They traveled a long way, searching. Fearing his father would be worried about them, Saul decided to return home but did not know which way to go. Hearing a man of God was in town, they went to Samuel for advice.

4. God had told Samuel he would send a man from the town of Benjamin, a few days before. Saul came to Samuel. As he sees him, he knows this is the man God had been talking about. He took him to a hall and gave him the seat of honor where about 30 were seated. He gave him meat to eat and Saul dined with Samuel.

5. They left the hall and walked down the edge of town. Samuel sent his servants on so he could give Saul a message from God. He took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul’s head, kissed him, anointing him as king. Saul was 30 years old.

6. Samuel told Saul all that would happen to him. God would change his heart and His Spirit would come to Saul in power, in prophesying, that he would be a different person. He told him when these things were fulfilled, he was to do whatever his hand found to do, for God would be with him.

7. Samuel gathered all the people of Israel together. He told them God had brought them out of Egypt and delivered them but they had rejected Him as their God. They had asked for a king so God was going to deliver one. Samuel had the tribes of Israel to present themselves. He called out the tribe of Benjamin. Then Saul, son of Kish was chosen. When they called him, he was not to be found. He was hiding in the baggage. They ran and brought him out and when he stood up, he was head and shoulders taller. The people shouted, "Long live the king!" There were some men who were troublemakers who despised Saul, they brought him no gifts but Saul kept silent.

8. God knew a king would not be good for Israel but they would not listen. We should be willing to read God's word and listen to what he has for us to do.



Saul was anointed by Samuel and became the first king of the Hebrews.

SAUL IS MADE KING OF ISRAEL

(1 SAMUEL 9:1-12:25)



“And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly:
and *there was not* among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he:
from his shoulders and upward *he was higher* than any of the people.”

1:SAMUEL 9:2

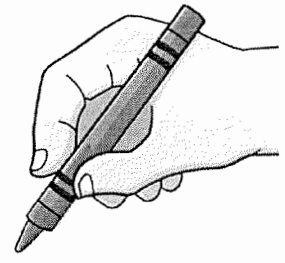
Samuel chooses a king.

1 Samuel 8:1—10:24



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KING SAUL WORKSHEET



SAMUEL ANOINTS SAUL

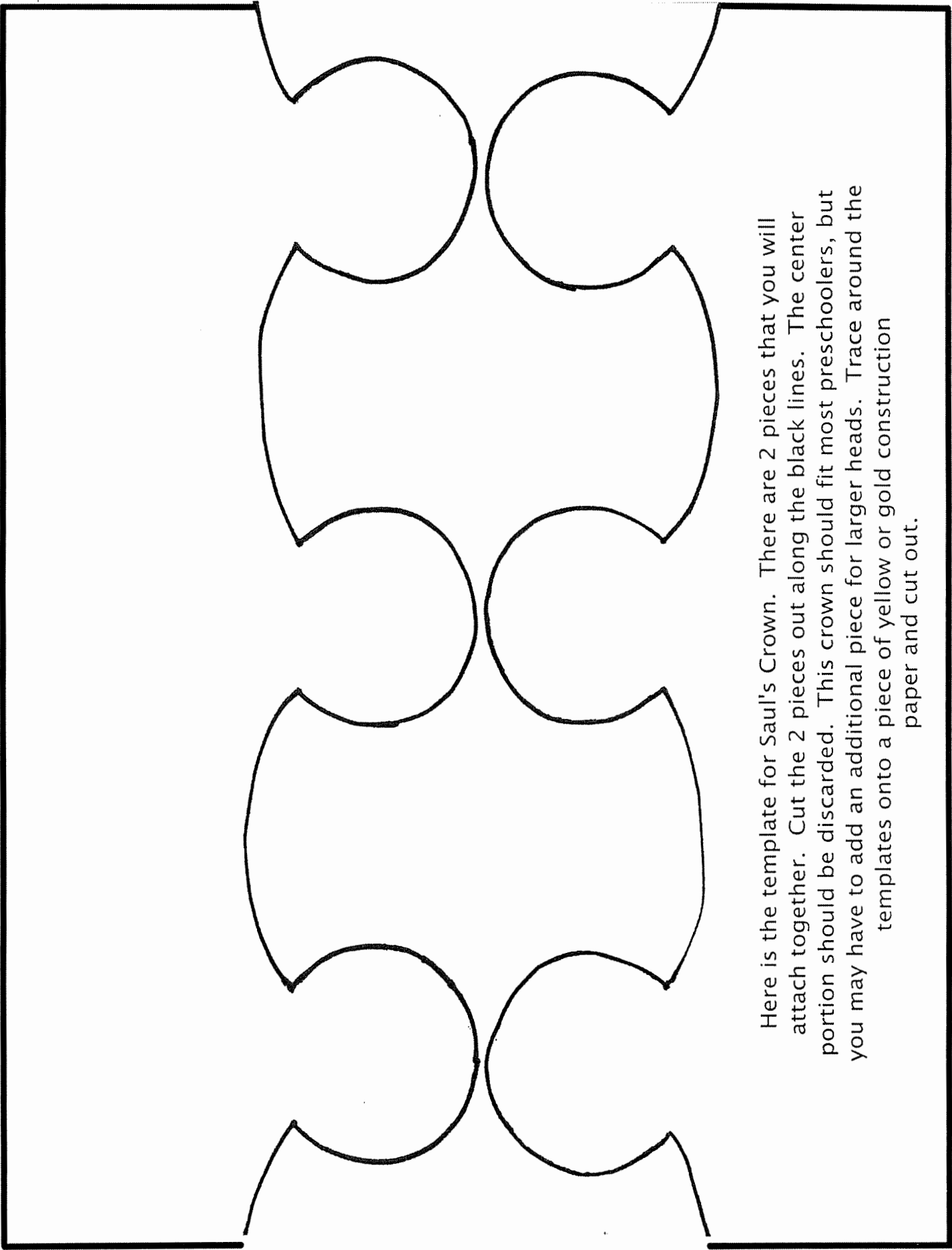
Fill in the blanks. Color the picture.

"Samuel took a flask of _____ and poured it on _____ head,
kissed him and said, "Has not _____ anointed you to be prince
over His _____ Israel?"

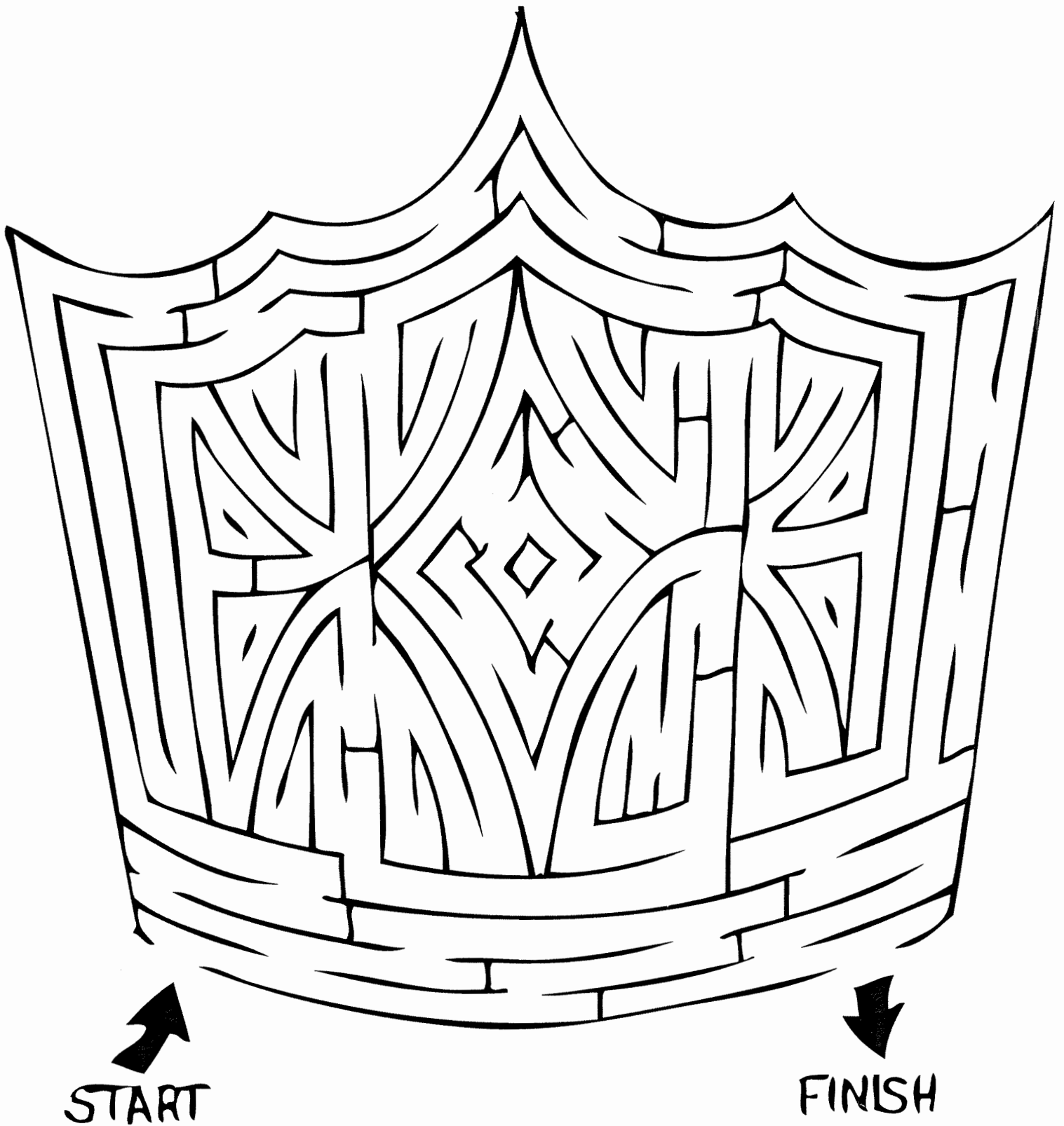
(1 Samuel 10:1)



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Here is the template for Saul's Crown. There are 2 pieces that you will attach together. Cut the 2 pieces out along the black lines. The center portion should be discarded. This crown should fit most preschoolers, but you may have to add an additional piece for larger heads. Trace around the templates onto a piece of yellow or gold construction paper and cut out.

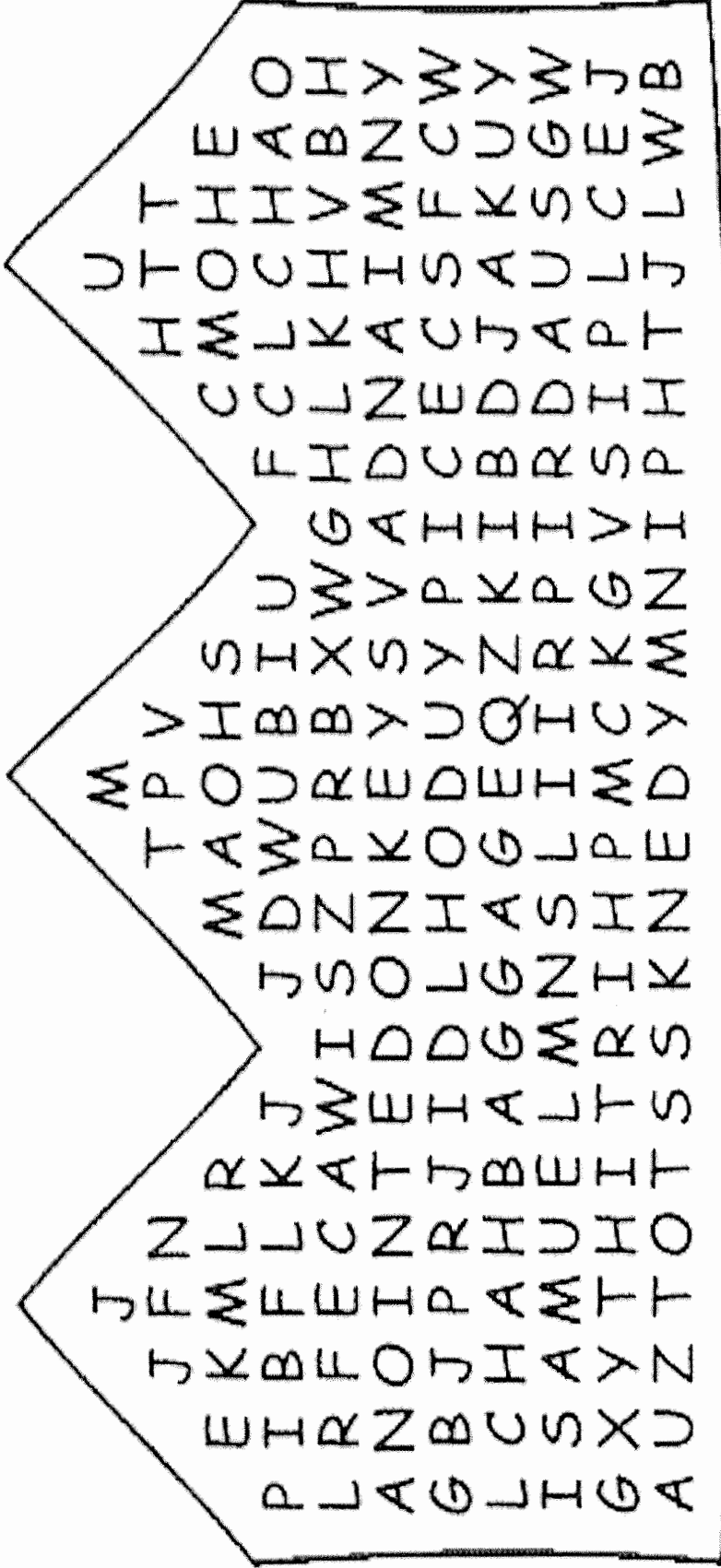


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Israel's First King Word Search

Read about Saul's anointing in 1 Samuel Chapters 10 & 11.

Find and circle the words in the word search puzzle from the word list below.



FLASK OIL Poured SAUL HEAD ANOINTED BENJAMIN
 DONKEYS GILGAL PROPHETS SPIRIT SAMUEL MIZPAH
 HIDDEN KISH BAGGAGE KING GIBEAH

SAUL IS MADE KING OF ISRAEL

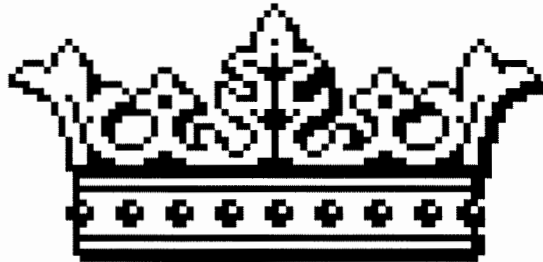
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BENJAMITE
COMMANDMENT
HANDSOME
HEART
HEEDED

KING
LEAST
LORD
MIZPAH

OIL
SAMUEL
SAUL
TALLER



God Chooses a King

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13



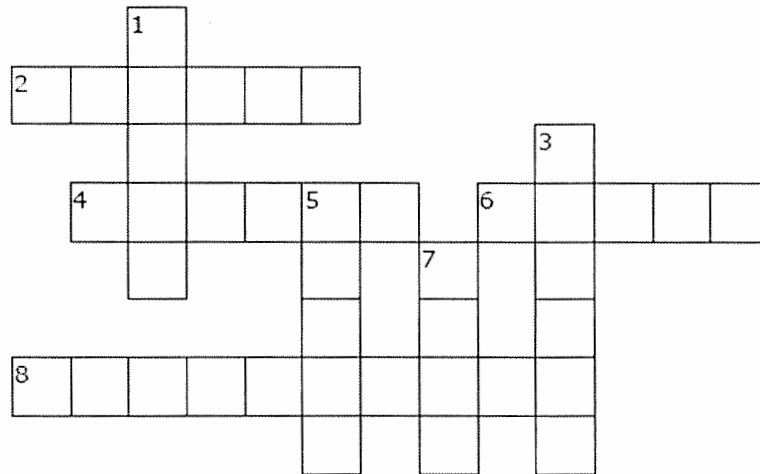
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APPEARANCE	SAMUEL	CHOSEN	HEART	PEACE
REJECTED	DAVID	SHEPHERD	ANOINT	LORD
SAUL	ISRAEL	SACRIFICE	KING	JESSE

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ACROSS

2. To make someone holy by pouring oil on their head
4. Distance from the top to the bottom of something; how tall someone is
6. The one that God chose to replace Saul as king
8. The way people seem to be, rather than how they are inside

DOWN

1. Strength, energy, or force
3. The Prophet that God instructed to go Jesse's house in search of the new king
5. The center of a person's emotions or the organ that pumps blood through the body
7. A man who rules a country

APPEARANCE	ANOINT	POWER	HEART
SAMUEL	KING	HEIGHT	DAVID

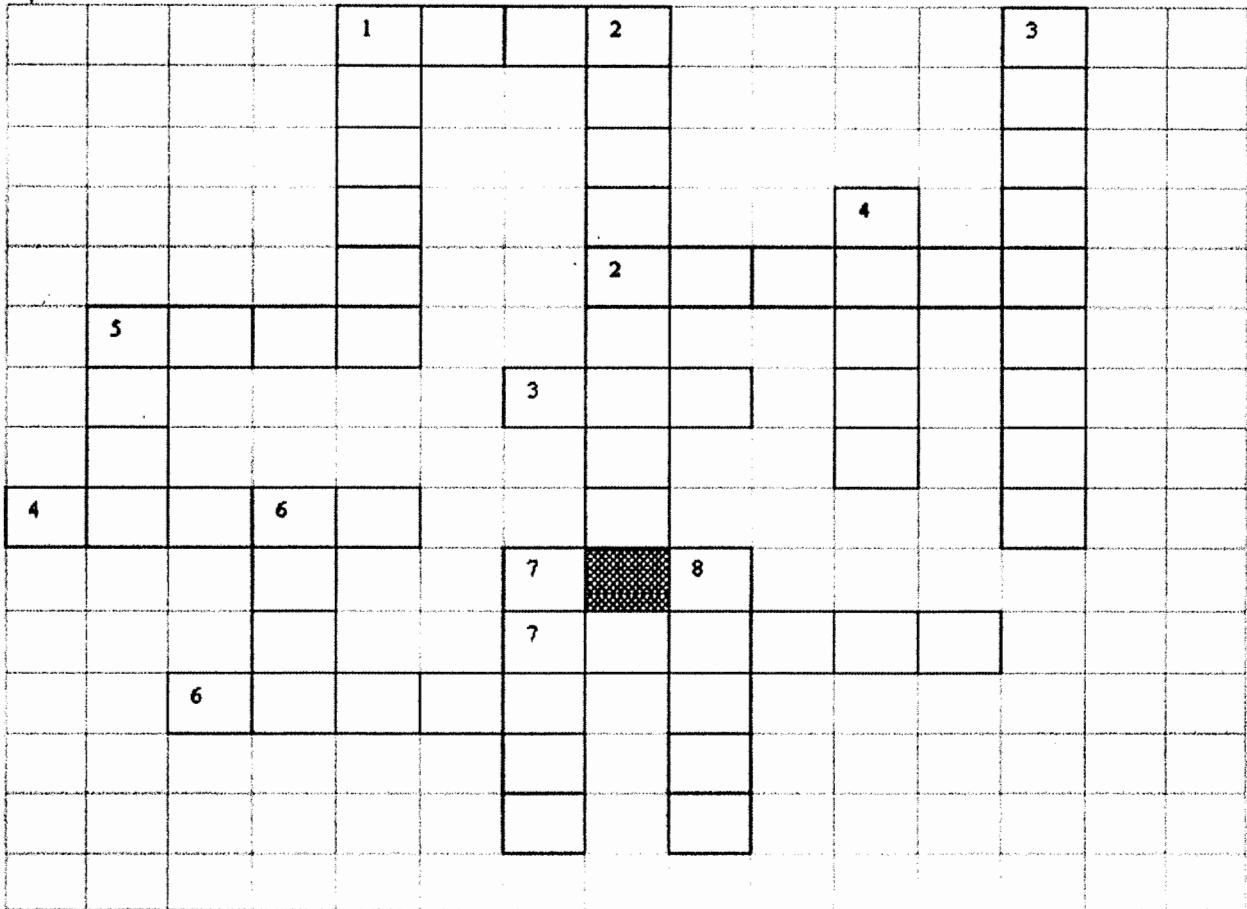
God Chooses A New King

ACROSS

1. Jesse brought his _____ to Samuel.
2. Saul was the king of what country?
3. What did Samuel pour over David's head?
4. Man looks on the outside, God looks on the _____?
5. Who was the king God rejected?
6. Who was David's father?
7. God told Samuel to sacrifice a _____.

DOWN

1. God told _____ to anoint a new king.
2. God told Samuel to say, "I am come to _____ to the Lord."
3. David lived in what city?
4. Who did Samuel anoint as king?
5. Samuel was looking at a man's _____.
6. In the first story, Michael won the _____.
7. David had been watching the _____.
8. David became the new _____ of Israel.

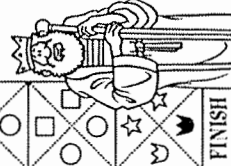
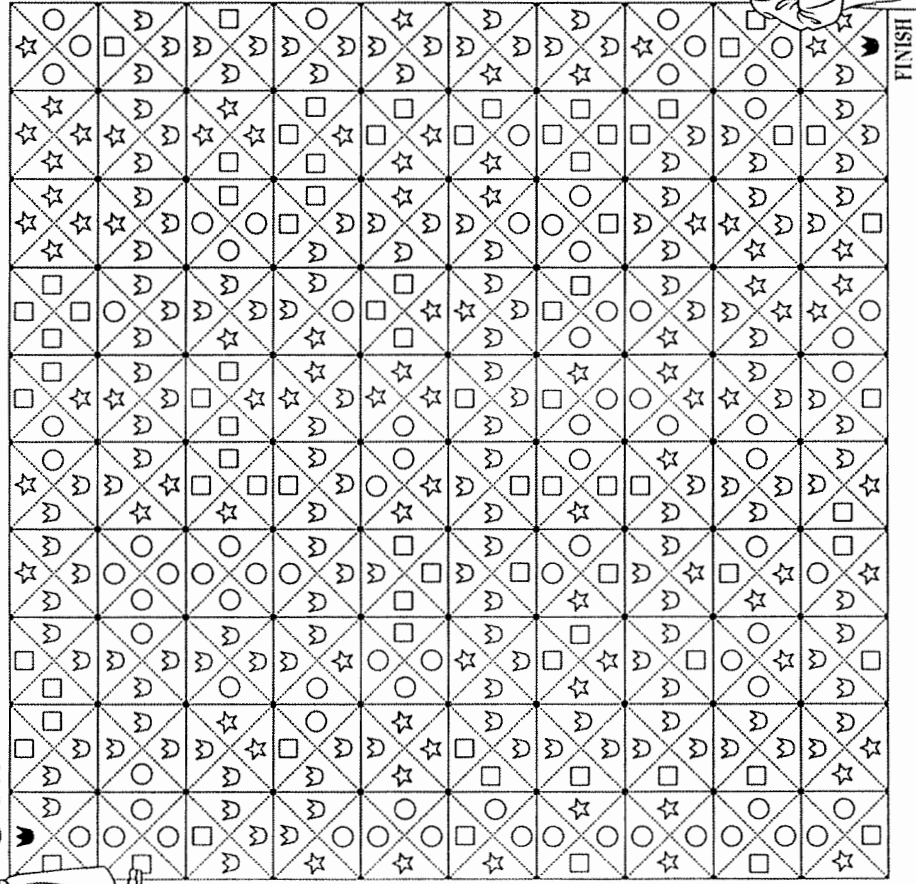
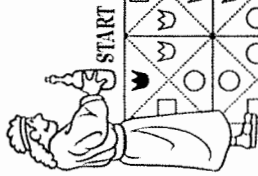


List of Answers - David, Jesse, Samuel, Saul, King, Oil, Lamb, Sheep, Size, Heart, Bethlehem, Sons, Israel, Sacrifice, Race

A King for Israel:

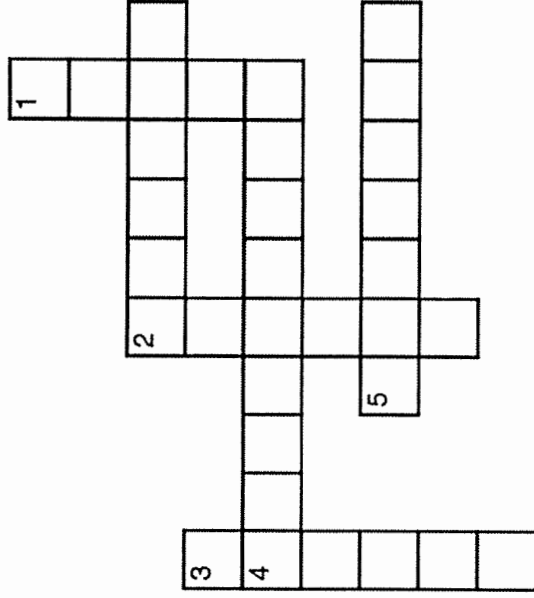
The people of God wanted a king. God had always told them that they were special and that He was their King. But they insisted on having a human king like all the other nations. After being warned, God allowed them to have Saul as their first king. Many of the kings who came after Saul were evil and led the people away from God. The Israelites wanted something that was not good for them – they should have listened to God!

Follow the trail of crowns to get to King Saul – the first one is dark to show where to begin.



SAUL IS ANOINTED

Hint: Look for help in I Samuel 10



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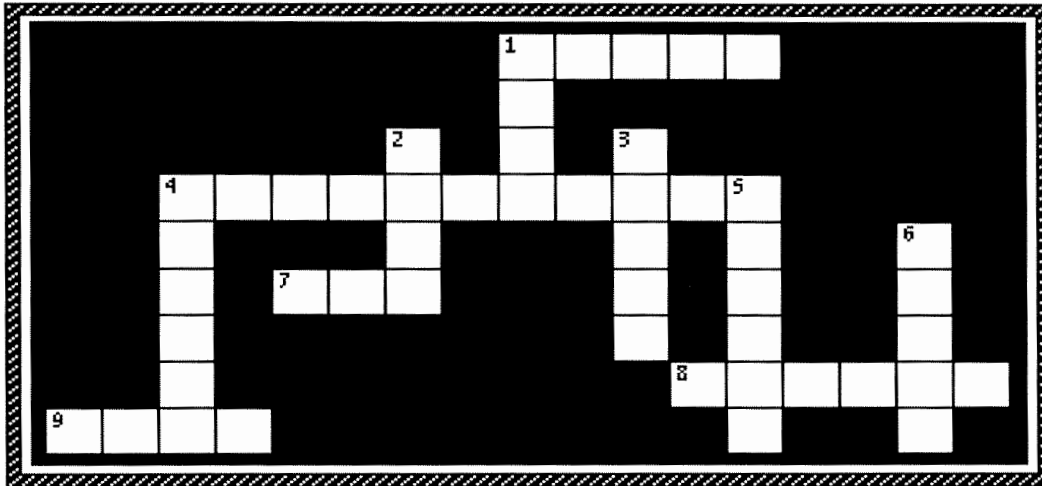
- 2 ___ told Saul what he must do
- 4 Samuel ___ Saul with oil
- 5 Saul joined the prophets who were ___ and praising God

DOWN

- 1 Samuel told Saul he would meet three men carrying three loaves of ___
- 2 Samuel told Saul the Lord's ___ would fall upon him
- 3 Saul was to go to the tomb where ___ was buried

SAUL IS MADE KING OF ISRAEL

(1 SAMUEL 9:1-12:25)



- 5 DOWN "There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was _____ than any of the people." **1: SAMUEL 9:2**
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