



**Beautiful**  
**BIBLE TREASURES**  
**For Children**

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## A Thundery Demonstration

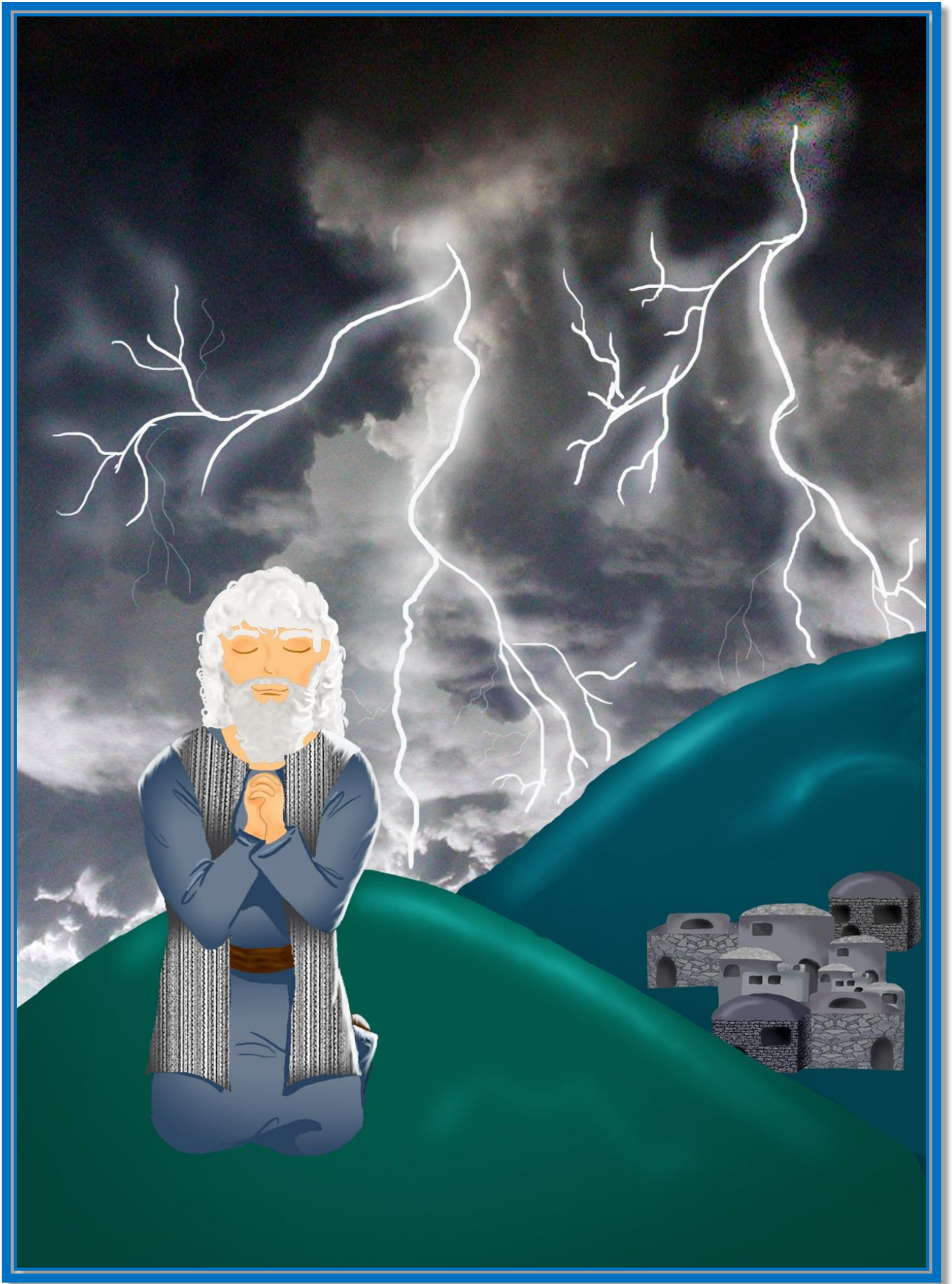
It would be a big job for Saul to be the leader of the people. He would need to listen to Samuel the prophet, and obey God's instructions given to him.

When Samuel was talking to the people on a bright and sunny day, he prayed for the Lord to have it rain and make a thunderstorm happen right then—and it did! This reminded everyone that it is good to respect and listen to God.

God told the people, and King Saul, that they needed to follow His Words and be obedient to Him if they wanted things to go well in their country. God hears everyone's prayers and will help those who love and follow Him.

Samuel said that he would always remember to pray for the people. That was one of his most important jobs and would be the biggest help to everyone.





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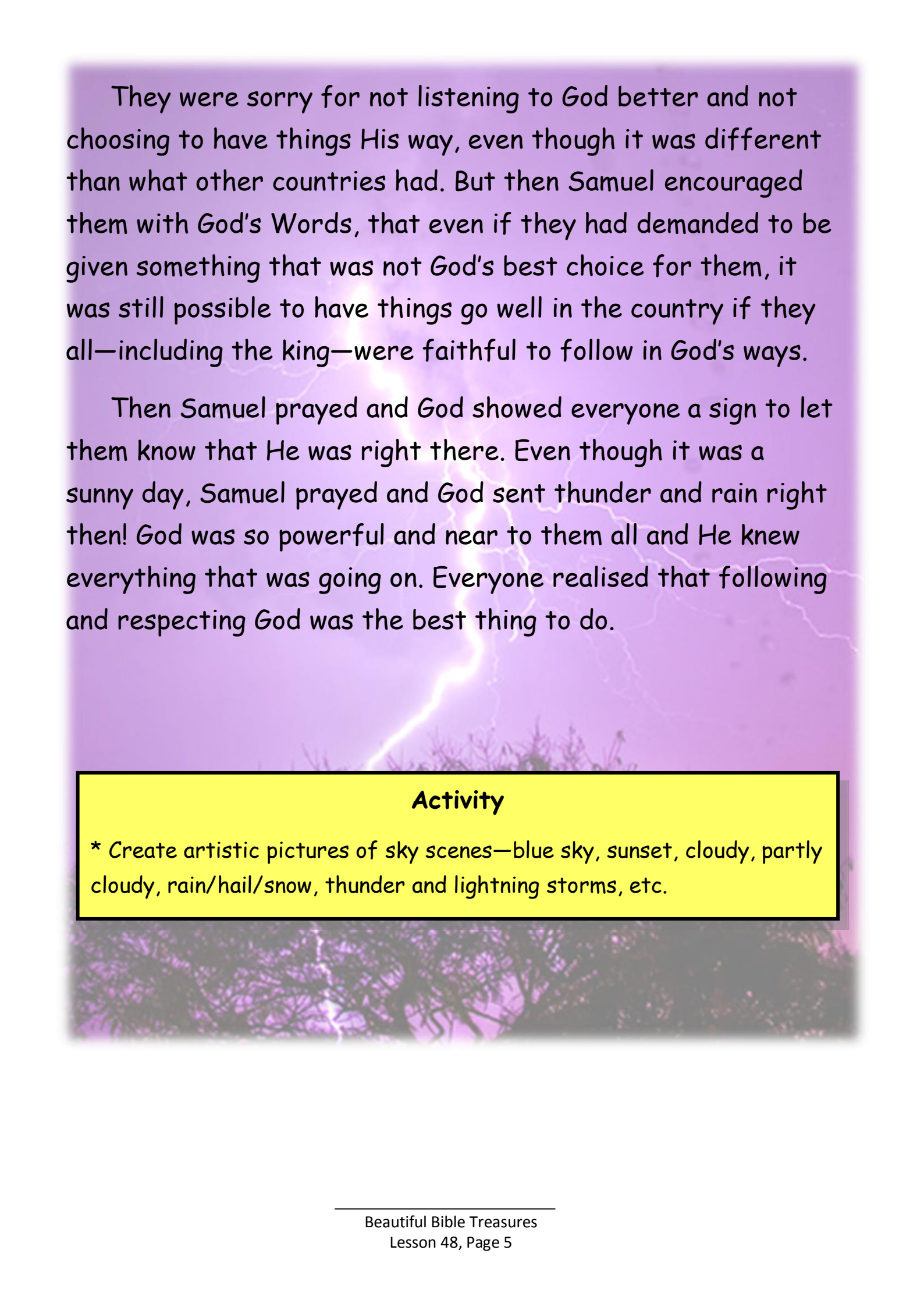
It was very important that King Saul and all the people follow *God's Words* and instructions and not choose to go their own wrong way. Samuel told everyone the *Lord's Words* and reminded them that *God* was in charge and the wise thing to do would be to listen to Him and obey Him.

Everyone had pushed to have their own way—to have a king as a ruler—even though *God* had told them that it wouldn't make things easier. In fact it could make things very difficult for them, if the king wasn't behaving in ways that pleased the *Lord*, and was instead full of his own ideas, and was selfish, and disobedient to *God's* ways. Yet, everyone said they still wanted a king—since most of the other countries around had one.

However, when *God* granted their request, somehow they felt sad in heart, because they knew it wasn't the best choice—but it was too late to change.







They were sorry for not listening to God better and not choosing to have things His way, even though it was different than what other countries had. But then Samuel encouraged them with God's Words, that even if they had demanded to be given something that was not God's best choice for them, it was still possible to have things go well in the country if they all—including the king—were faithful to follow in God's ways.

Then Samuel prayed and God showed everyone a sign to let them know that He was right there. Even though it was a sunny day, Samuel prayed and God sent thunder and rain right then! God was so powerful and near to them all and He knew everything that was going on. Everyone realised that following and respecting God was the best thing to do.

### **Activity**

\* Create artistic pictures of sky scenes—blue sky, sunset, cloudy, partly cloudy, rain/hail/snow, thunder and lightning storms, etc.

## A Thundery Demonstration



God's first choice for the Israelites was for them to follow in His ways and listen to the prophets and judges He gave them, and make good choices.

God wanted the people to do things according to His instructions because they loved Him and wanted to please Him. But since they were insisting on having a king, then Saul was the best man around for that job, right then.

Saul wasn't perfect and wouldn't always make the right choices—but no one does all the time. But at that point in time Saul was who God wanted to be the king. It was the second best choice in the situation.

Later on, when they saw that Saul had God's power helping him and that he had made some wise decisions and helped to protect the country when troubles started up, people started to accept his leadership fully. Samuel was still around and would help to give God's words and instructions at different times.

King Saul needed to listen to Samuel and obey what God said. Just because he was the king didn't mean that he knew everything and could just do whatever he alone thought was best. These people belonged to God, and Saul needed to let God be the main one leading them.

When the prophet Samuel told him some instruction from the Lord, Saul, just like everyone else, would need to obey what God said. Everyone needed to know that God was still around, and in charge, and it was very important that they all follow Him respectfully.

After Saul had been king for a short while, Samuel gave an important message and lesson talk. He gave instructions to everyone, because God wanted to get them going in the right direction. God wanted them to be off to a good start, so things could go well in the country.

Samuel reminded them that it would have been better for them not to have demanded to have a king, and that it wasn't what God knew would be best for them. He said that now that they had a king they needed to make sure to follow in God's ways and respect Him, if they wanted things to go well.

The people felt sorry that they had insisted on their own ways. Sometimes when you feel you want something, but it's not good for you to have it, then when you get to have it, your heart feels a bit sad. You thought it was something that would make things better, but then there is this emptiness in your heart instead; a bad feeling that makes you wish you had never pushed to get your way.

Sometimes people pray for things they wish they had, but I, Jesus, know what will really be best. If people love Me and trust in My loving care, then when the answer to some prayers is "no" or "wait" they can praise Me anyway, trusting that I'm only going to allow what is truly best for them. But sometimes people are so focused on what they want that they think it is the only thing that will make the situation better.



When they refuse to look up to Me with faith, putting their trust in Me, the only way I can get them to not be so focused on their own plans, but to trust in My wise planning and care is to give them what they want.

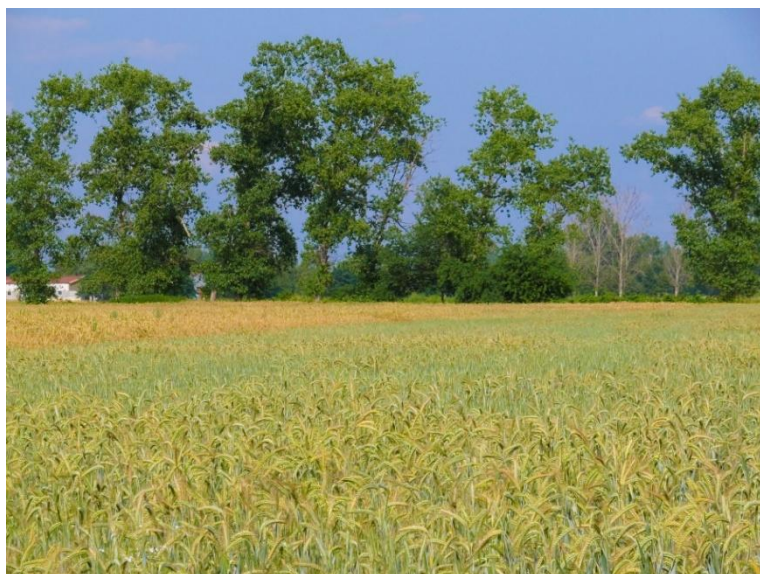


Then they see that it wasn't all they'd hoped for. They wish they hadn't gotten it, but it's too late to rewind and make the right choice to not be so demanding and insistent, but to pray in faith and then to rest and let Me do what I know is best, and deny them what isn't for their good.

So now they had a king and when Samuel was talking to them on this day they were feeling bad for pushing their own way. But God, through Samuel, encouraged them that if they made the choices to do things God's way and to follow Him, then things would be alright.

Samuel then called on God to do a miracle to demonstrate the power of God and to show the people that He was around and still in charge. It was a bright sunny day, and no clouds were in the sky. Samuel said he would pray for thunder and rain to come right then. And it did! Right then there was a very big thunder storm and pouring rain!

Everyone believed that the best thing to do was to obey and follow God. They were reminded that He was right there with them and knew just what was going on. With God's almighty hand he could do anything He wanted to, in an instant! God was to be loved, and respected and obeyed. The people saw that clearly on that day!



Samuel loved the people and wanted things to go well for them, and he knew that if they respected and did things God's way things could go well for them. Samuel promised that he'd always be faithful to pray for them. He knew prayer was the best thing he could do.



## Let's Talk About It

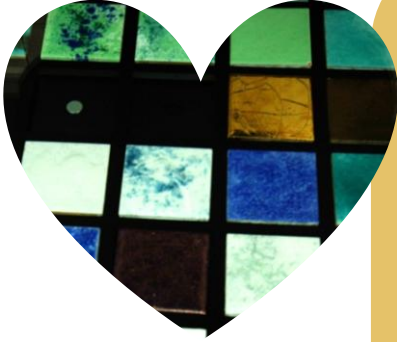
\*Have you ever received something that you really wanted, but you knew that it wasn't the best for you, and in the end you weren't as happy about having it as you thought you'd be? Perhaps someone tried to tell you that it wouldn't be a good choice, but you thought differently so you pushed until you finally got your way, and ended up feeling a bit empty of joy and disappointed in yourself?

\*To keep on doing things the way that Jesus wants us to, and to be obedient to His Word, we need to realise that He's real, He cares about us and is watching us, and can answer our prayers. What are some sneaky ways that the Enemy tries to get the people of the world to think the opposite; to make them think that God is not around, and people can do whatever they wish, and be free of any consequences?

## Activity

\* Look at some photos of lightning storms. Read in science books about weather and storms.

## A Thundery Demonstration



### Connect and Communicate

\*Have each one come to the class bringing some item that they choose to use as an "object lesson" to demonstrate and say in what way God's Word is likened to it. For example, someone might bring a bar of soap and say, "God's Word is like soap, it helps to clean our hearts and minds."

### Study Fun

Circle: The words "serve" and "obey" the Lord.

Memorize: 1 Samuel 12:23 or 24.

List: The instructions in verses 1 Samuel 12:14 and 20.

### 1 Samuel

**12:12** Ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the Lord your God was your king.

**12:13** Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the Lord hath set a king over you.

**12:14** If ye will fear the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God:

**12:15** But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers.

**12:16** Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the Lord will do before your eyes.

**12:17** Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call unto the Lord, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking you a king.

**12:18** So Samuel called unto the Lord; and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.

**12:19** And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.

**12:20** And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart;

**12:21** And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.



**12:22** For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people.

**12:23** Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

**12:24** Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.





## Activity

\*Practice praying for some "heart's desires" but add at the end, "but if it's not what You think is best, Lord, then I praise You anyway."

## Fountain of Faith

### 1John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.



## Meek or Mad?

### Prayer

**Psalms 34:17** The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

\*Give each one a little "prayer notebook", to write personal prayers, and to record special miracles and answers to prayers, as well as write out lists of things to pray for on all kinds of topics. Have each one write a short prayer for the day, then exchange books (or pages) and read each other's prayers aloud, one by one.

### Activity

\*Listen carefully for the word "meek" or "meekness", while the verses are being read. Every time that word is heard, have everyone stand up and switch seats with each other, then settle down and listen again. Listen also for the words "wrath" or "anger", and when you hear either of those words read, clap your hands loudly once.

**James 1:19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

**Psalms 37:11** But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

**1 Peter 3:3, 4** Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

**Proverbs 14:29a** He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding.

**Psalms 25:9** The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

**Ecclesiastes 7:9** Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

**Proverbs 16:32** He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

**2 Timothy 2:24, 25** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.

**Proverbs 15:1** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

**Ephesians 4:31, 32** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**James 3:13** Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.







## Topic Treasures

### —Yummy Words

#### Study Fun

Circle: All the words listed that have to do with hunger, eating or being filled. God's Word is food for our soul!

Memorize: A verse of your choice from the study below.

List: The things that are mentioned in these verses, that we are to desire and find good.

**Jeremiah 15:16** Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

**Psalms 19:10** More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

**Proverbs 16:24** Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

**Matthew 5:6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**Luke 1:53** He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

**Psalms 81:10-13** I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

**Ezekiel 3:3** And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

**Psalms 119:103** How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**Psalms 119:131** I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

**1 Peter 2:2** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

**Job 23:12** Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.



## Daily Diary

\*Keep a log or record for the next week or two. List what things you feed your mind and soul, and how it affects you later. (For example if you see a movie, or read a book, or read/see something online, or have prayer time, or hear from the Lord, or read something inspiring in the Bible, or talk with someone about something good/or about something discouraging or wrong, or read a devotional book, or listen to music, etc.) Write the activity, and then later on, jot down how you felt in the hours that followed or how it's affected the words you've said and how you've coped with things.

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