

## BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.

Our desire is to see families use this resource
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

**UNIT 9 | May, 2025** 

## UNIT 9: GOD SEES AND HEARS

Regardless of sin patterns and disobedience, God continued to see His people and hear their requests and desires. God's provision is seen through His gifts of a kinsman redeemer for Ruth's family, a son with a prophetic calling for Hannah, and freedom and protection for the Israelites from the Philistines. God's plan remained steadfast, despite humanity's brokenness.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION How does God care for His creation?
God loves and rules over His creation according to His perfect plan.



Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



AT HOME RESOURCES

## May 4 | Session 1 THE STORY OF RUTH | RUTH



STORY POINT: God provided a family redeemer for Ruth.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Ruth was in great need and unable to provide for herself. God provided Boaz as her redeemer. We are in great need and unable to save ourselves from our sin. God provided Jesus as our Redeemer.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- •How did God provide for Ruth?
- •How does God provide for us?

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

#### **FOR FUN:**

Do some research to discover more about your family lineage. Interview elderly relatives or use photo albums to introduce your kids to their heritage. Be sensitive to kids in your home who may be in foster or adoptive situations and those who may or may not have information on their biological family trees. Discuss the ways God has knit your family together. As you talk about your family, discuss the story of Ruth. Talk about what it means to be a part of God's family and how Jesus has made that possible through His sacrifice.

#### **TO SERVE:**

Make cards or treats for the widows in your local church. Talk with kids about how Jesus is our comfort in hard times and how everyone who believes in Him is welcomed into God's family.

## May 11 | Session 2

SAMUEL WAS BORN AND CALLED | 1 SAMUEL 1-3



#### **STORY POINT:**

Samuel responded to God's call.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

God called to Samuel, and Samuel responded. God calls people to turn from sin and follow Jesus. Everyone who responds by trusting in Jesus is saved from sin.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What have you prayed to God about?

How does God speak to us today? (See Hebrews 1:1-2.)

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

#### **FOR FUN:**

Have a diaper-changing contest with the family. Use baby dolls or watermelons as the "Baby" and see who can remove and replace a diaper the fastest. Talk about Hannah's trust in God to answer her prayer and her devotion to give her son back to God for His use. Ask your kids to think about why Hannah trusted God so much and how we can grow in our trust of Him.

#### TO SERVE:

Deliver a meal, gift, or offer to drop off a cup of coffee for a young mom in your church. Talk with your kids about Hannah's prayer and how God provided a son for her. Explain how God used Samuel, Hannah's son, to anoint David as God's chosen king over Israel and ancestor of Jesus—the King of kings!

## May 18 | Session 3

THE ARK WAS CAPTURED | 1 SAMUEL 4-6



#### **STORY POINT:**

The Israelites misused the ark, but God still displayed His power.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

God is holy and punished the Israelites and Philistines for misusing the ark. All people sin and deserve God's judgment, but Jesus took that judgment when He died on the cross. All who trust in Jesus are forgiven of sin and saved from judgment.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How did the Israelites misuse the ark?

How did God prove He is the one true God?

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

#### **FOR FUN:**

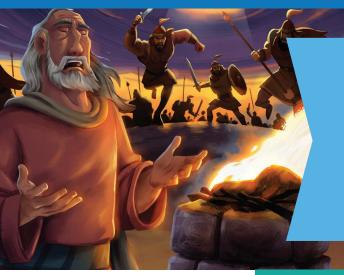
Go for a walk or run as a family. Allow your kids to pick the route. Talk about God's promise to be with Joshua wherever he went. Ask your kids how God has extended that promise to everyone who believes in Jesus. How is God with them wherever they go?

#### TO SERVE:

Volunteer to plant flowers or participate in another beautification project at your local church. Use your time and energy to be a light in your community. Talk with your kids about how God might use the church to draw people to Himself. Be sure to explain that God's presence is not limited to the church building, but it can still be a reminder of God's presence and activity for the community.

### May 24 | Session 4

FREEDOM FROM THE PHILISTINES | 1 SAMUEL 7



#### **STORY POINT:**

Samuel cried out to the Lord to save the Israelites.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Samuel called the people to turn away from false gods and to worship God, and God gave them victory over their enemies. God calls us to turn away from sin and to trust in Jesus who gives us victory over our enemies of sin and death.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What does it mean to repent?
Why is God alone worthy of our

worship?

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

#### **FOR FUN:**

Fold paper into a cone shape to make a simple trumpet. Help kids make and decorate their own trumpets. Have a competition to see who can make the loudest trumpet call. Talk about how Gideon blew his trumpet and how God provided power and victory to defeat the Midianites.

#### TO SERVE:

Go on a prayer walk around your neighborhood. Pray for neighbors (by name if possible), and ask God to make His power and goodness visible to them so they will trust in Him. Remind kids that the work of salvation is only possible through God's power. We want to share the good news with neighbors because we trust that God is good enough and powerful enough to save them.

# GOSPEL GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos·pel – noun. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



## **GOD RULES.**

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17



## WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. Romans 3.23; 6.23



## GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. John 3:16: Ephesians 2:8-9



## JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9



## WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. John 14.6: Romans 10:9-10.13



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