

**Theme:** Obedience. Samuel obeyed God even though he was not happy about what the people wanted.

**Games:**

**Who's your friend?** Each child writes their name on a slip of paper. Slips are put into a box and each player takes one out. The children then take turns to describe the person on their paper without saying the name and without looking at the person. The rest of the group have three guesses. Hands up for answers!!

**Dustbins:** Divide the group into teams. In front of each team is a pile of "litter" ie cardboard, paper, packets etc. Make sure there are the same number of pieces for each team! Each player in turn goes and fetches one piece and places it on a chair ( the dustbin ), runs back and tags the next player. The first team to clear all their litter wins.

**Cats and Birds:** One person is chosen to be the cat, and the rest of the group are birds.

Birds spread themselves around the room and take up a crouching position - flapping their elbows like wings. They can only move by hopping about. The cat tries to catch the birds but can only move about on all fours. If the cat catches a bird, they change places.

**Memory Verse:** 1 Samuel 12 verse 14 " *All will go well with you if you honour the Lord your God, serve him, listen to him, and obey his commands.....*"

**Introduction:** Think about all the signs we see around the streets which tell us to keep the town tidy, clean and safe. Things like "throw litter in the bin, don't smoke in certain areas, keep off the grass, don't drop your chewing gum on the pavement! Although we sometimes think these things are annoying and we can't be bothered to obey them, they are only there for our benefit!

**Story:** 1 Samuel 8 - 1 Samuel 10 The people ask for a King!  
See outline in the resources section.

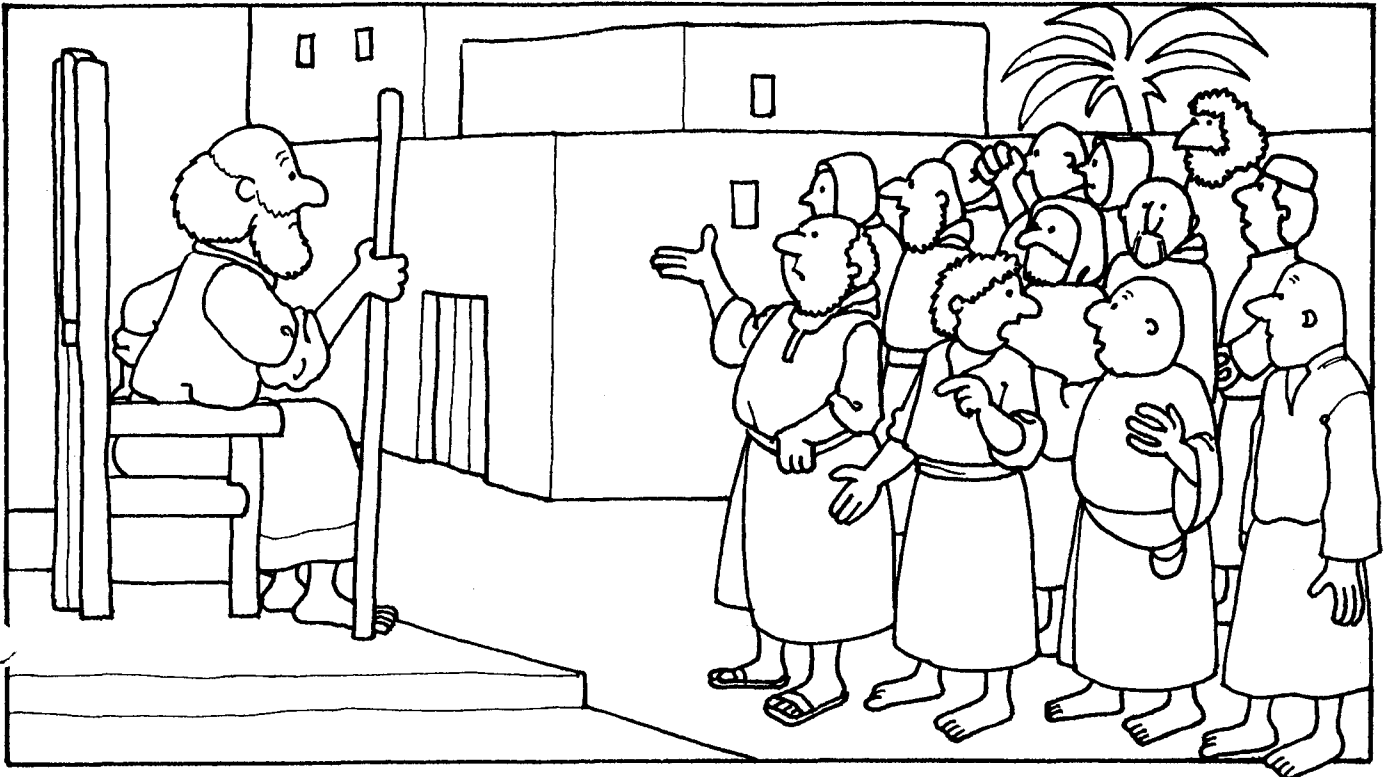
**Application:** Samuel always obeyed God! Even though he was not happy with what the people wanted, he listened to God and did what he was told. *What can we learn from this?* God has given us free will, we often think we know best and go our own way but this usually leads to trouble! If however we ask God for his will to be done in every situation, things usually turn out a lot better!! This could lead to a good discussion!

**Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer. Explain that this is the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. If the children do not know it they could repeat it after you. There is a modern version in the resources section.

**Resources:** Story outline, Lord's Prayer, Funsheet

**Song:** Oi, Oi Powerhouse CD

Read this story in 1 Samuel 8



All w\_ll g\_w\_ll w\_th y\_u \_f y\_u h\_n\_ur th\_L\_rd y\_ur  
 G\_d, s\_rv\_h\_m, \_nd ob\_y h\_s c\_mm\_nds. 1S\_muel 12 v\_rse 14  
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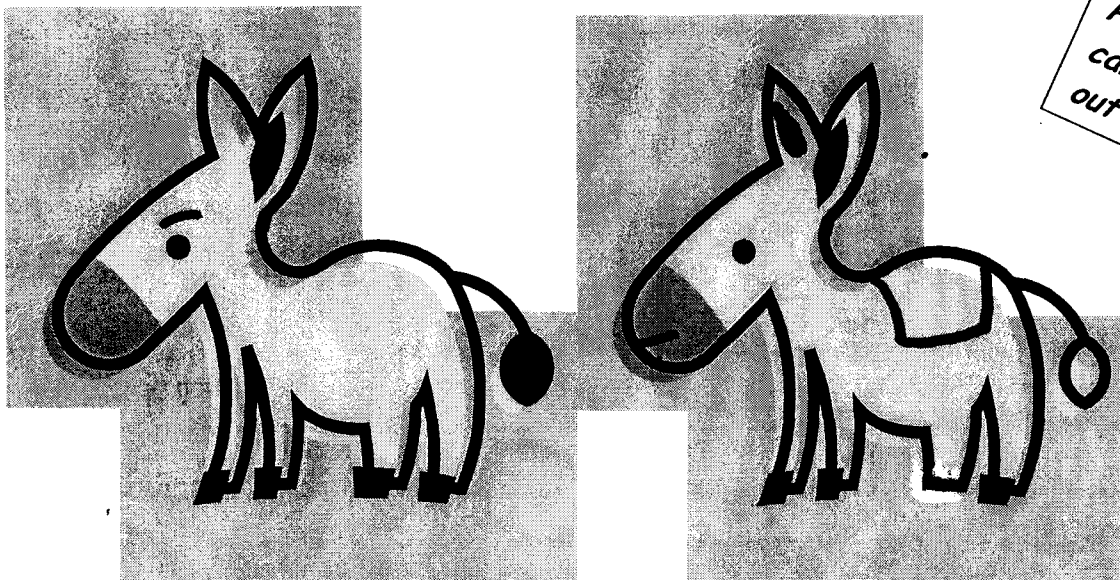
God gave the people:

ECAEP  
 MODEERF  
 YTIREPSORP  
 EVOL

The king would give them:

RAW  
 YREVALS  
 YTREVOP  
 NOITAXAT

Can you find six differences between the donkeys?



How many words  
 can you make  
 out of SAMUEL?