

Overview

In Chapter 10 the students learned about the conquest of Canaan. In this chapter they will learn about the transformation of Israel under the leadership of Saul and David.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn:

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| | Paragraph |
| • God called Samuel to serve him..... | 2578 |
| • Saul became Israel's first king..... | 1150 |
| • God chose David to lead Israel..... | 2579 |
| • David was declared the king of Israel..... | 695 |



prophet
monarchy

Catechist Background

What leaders have you most admired?

Our loving God is present to each of us as we live each day guided by the Holy Spirit. God speaks to us in prayer and in everyday occurrences. If we choose to follow his Son, the Father will lead us to light, happiness, and truth.

The Old Testament is a story of God's leadership and, often, of people's resistance. After the Israelites had settled in Canaan, God called forth judges to lead his people. Samuel, son of Hannah, heard God's call in a dream. Samuel replied, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). God chose the young Samuel to lead his people, to speak on God's behalf, and to defend truth and justice.

Under the leadership of Samuel, the ark of the covenant was returned to a place of honor. Samuel led the people in sacrifice and worship to God, their only king. Yet the people were not satisfied with the kingship of God and the leadership of Samuel. The Israelites envied the worldly

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

kingdoms of their neighbors and sought a king for themselves.

In his old age Samuel acceded to the people's demands for a monarchy. Samuel turned to God. And God chose Saul to govern the people. Samuel anointed Saul and consecrated him to God's service. As long as Saul led the people in the way of God, he prospered and held off the assaults of his enemies. Saul, however, stopped listening to Samuel. By doing so, Saul stopped listening to God and soon lost God's blessing, his rule, and his way.

As God provided leadership to Saul through Samuel, he does so to us through the grace of the Holy Spirit. As long as we listen to the Holy Spirit, we will find our way to light, happiness, and truth.

How is God leading you today?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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- Pray to Jesus, our Good Shepherd.
- Respond in song.
- Discuss feeling called to do something.

For the prayer space: Bible opened to Psalm 23; king's crown
 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," Henry W. Baker, #15, Grade 6 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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God called Samuel to serve him.

- Present the call of Samuel.
- Present Reproducible Master 11.
- Discuss answering God's call.

- copies of Reproducible Master 11

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Saul became Israel's first king.

- Read about Saul.
- Do the role-playing activity.
- Read about and discuss holy oils in *As Catholics*.

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God chose David to lead Israel.

- Read about God choosing David to lead Israel.
- Interview Saul, David, and Goliath.

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David was declared the king of Israel.

- Read about King David and Jerusalem.
- Do "Person of the Year" profiles.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Discuss gifts and talents.

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 11 (back of book)

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Chapter 11 Test

- Complete **Chapter 11 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 11 (back of book)