

Read

We will be sharing passages from the YLM curriculum over the next few weeks. Today we are starting our study on God's work in the times of 1 Samuel.

The passages is meant to be read aloud. The children are familiar with the NLT or NIV versions from our teaching at church. Invite the children to ask questions and to picture themselves in the story. You may want to read a shorter section of this passage for younger children.

Passage 1 Samuel 9

Summary: Saul and his servants are looking for their donkeys that have wandered off. While on their search, they come across the town region of Zuph where the prophet Samuel lived.

We want to highlight God as the principle actor in this passage, not Saul nor Samuel. I think this section emphasizes the activity and character of God.

¹⁵ Now the Lord had told Samuel the previous day, ¹⁶ "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him to be the leader of my people, Israel. He will rescue them from the Philistines, for I have looked down on my people in mercy and have heard their cry."

¹⁷ When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said, "That's the man I told you about! He will rule my people."

¹⁸ Just then Saul approached Samuel at the gateway and asked, "Can you please tell me where the seer's house is?"

¹⁹ "I am the seer!" Samuel replied. "Go up to the place of worship ahead of me. We will eat there together, and in the morning I'll tell you what you want to know and send you on your way. ²⁰ And don't worry about those donkeys that were lost three days ago, for they have been found. And I am here to tell you that you and your family are the focus of all Israel's hopes."

Ask a question related to the passage.

How does God care for Saul in this passage?

Pray

Focus on something that was studied in today's passage. Here are some examples:

God being all knowing and having a plan

Learning to trust the Lord in our daily life

Samuel's obedience

Sing

Praise the Lord together. Today's lesson demonstrates the Lord's trustworthiness and care for his people. Here are some examples of songs about trusting the Lord:

Younger kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzhhu-dtyBA>

Older kids

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQTPVPhbG_A