

**Saul: 1 Sam 1-15**

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Answer the questions on both sides of this sheet based on your reading.

**1 Sam 1-3**

1. What people was the enemy of the Israelites? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Samuel's birth is surrounded by a pattern of events we've seen before in the Bible that tells us that the person is the Lord's chosen one. What do we call this motif? What are some other examples of this motif? And who are Samuel's parents?
3. In what city was the Ark of Covenant kept at this time? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How does Samuel learn that the Lord is calling him for a special mission? Who is Eli?

**1 Sam 5**

5. What happens when the Philistines bring the Ark of the Covenant to Ashdod? What happens when they bring it to Gath? What do they decide to do with it?

**1 Sam 8-11**

6. Were Samuel's sons good and worthy men? Explain.
7. What did the people ask the aged Samuel to do for them? What are some reasons they give for this request?
8. What is Samuel's response? Could this reflect the Deuteronomist's attitude as well?
9. What is the attitude toward kingship as expressed in 9:15-16?
10. Describe the ceremony of anointing Saul.
11. What is the attitude toward kingship as expressed in 10:17-19?
12. Describe Nahash's treatment of Gadites and Reubenites and the outcome of the conflict.

**1 Sam 13 and 15**

13. Before they go their separate ways, Samuel tells Saul what he is to do after the battle at Gilgal (10:8). What are his instructions?

14. In what two ways does Saul sin by violating these instructions and therefore lose God's support? (One answer is apparent in chapter 13, the other in chapter 15.)

15. Imagine yourself in Saul's place. Would you think that God's rejection was justified?