

THE STORY OF SAUL

Week 3

Props: Create a banner that says "Don't ruin your life with..." written on it. Then add words "Selfishness, "No self-control" and "Pride" in varying talk bubble shapes and colors.

-SLIDE- Welcome (Start kid's countdown once all classes are present)

Hey kids! Welcome to kid's church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Today we're ending our series called Sabotage! We've been looking at some famous characters in the Bible who chose to do some bad things that sabotaged or ruined their lives. What Bible characters did we talk about first? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, Abraham and Lot! Lot was selfish and Abraham was unselfish. Whose life was ruined? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, Lot's selfish choice ended up hurting him in the end. Who did we talk about last week? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, Jacob and Esau. Remember, they were twins but which one was oldest? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, Esau was born first. What privilege did he have as the oldest? **(allow kids to answer)** Good! Esau had the birthright which means he would get double the inheritance than Jacob when their Dad died. What did Esau lack that caused him to make a bad trade? **(allow kids to answer)** You got it! Esau lacked self-control.

Today we're going to talk about King Saul. He was the very first king of Israel but he didn't start out as king. He started out like everybody else, just a regular person who worked a regular job. But when God chose him to become king, he felt pretty important and that brought about some trouble for him.

We'll talk more about this in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing.

-SONG- We Shine (3 min)

Good job. I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: The story of King Saul is a lesson on pride. (repeat)

-VIDEO- Sabotage 3 (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- How many types of pride are there? (two)
- Saul started out _____, but started thinking he was _____ than other people. (humble, better)
- True or False: Saul was only almost great. (true)

Great job you guys! Wow, isn't that crazy? Did anyone catch why Saul became king? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, he was a good looking guy but he didn't have any real qualifications to be a king. He got the job because God allowed him to have it. King Saul forgot that over time and pride began to ruin his life. We need to guard against pride in our lives, too. If we're good at a sport or in school, we need to remember that God gives us the abilities to be good at those things so we shouldn't brag about our greatness. We should brag about God's greatness in us!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and read it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "Get along **(right hand out)** with each other **(grasp left hand)**; don't be stuck-up **(arms folded)**. Make friends with nobodies **(point out)**; don't be the great **(fists on hips)** somebody." Romans 12:16 **(Repeat)**

You guys are awesome! You see, God wants us to be a good friend to others. He wants us to put other's needs ahead of our own and help other people succeed. He doesn't want us to brag about ourselves or think that we're better than everyone else. Pride sabotaged King Saul because he went down in history as a bad king. He thought he was great and forgot that it is God who is great. Let's not be like Saul. Let's say "No" to pride.

Now let's stand together and sing one last song to God.

-SONG- All the Glory (3 min)

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: The story of King Saul is a lesson on pride. (Repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)