# BIBLE STORYLINE The People Demand a King

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#### **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**

**Leader Tip:** Dress up like a king or queen (crown and robe) and tell the kids you are their new king. Give some demands like, "As your king, I demand that everyone clap their hands right now." "As your king, stand up and spin around!" Then, have the kids take a seat and tell them that the lesson today will teach them about the problems with kings.

Before we jump into our lesson this week, I have a question for you! If you were a king or queen what new rules or laws would you come up with? (allow kids to answer) Oh wow those are some really good answers!

Well, in today's lesson we are going to learn about a time when the Israelites decided they needed a king. All the countries around them had a king and they wanted to be just like them. But, God had a warning for them.

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

#### Song

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

### **Slide: Big Idea**

All together: God is the real king over everyone everywhere. (Repeat)

#### Video

Play lesson video.

#### **Slide: Recap**

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

• Why did the people want a king? (they wanted to be like the other powerful countries)

- Why is having a king sometimes a bad idea? (kings can get selfish)
- True or False: God is the king of everything. (T)

Yup! God is the greatest king of all. God created this whole entire universe and everything in it. He knows everything and he's the most powerful person ever! He created this world for us to live in and he provides us with everything we need. He is the best king we could ever want! But, the Israelites had forgotten about how great God was and they decided they wanted a human to be their king.

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

#### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"For the Lord Most High (point up) is awesome (thumbs up). He is the great King (bow) of all the earth (motion to whole room)." Psalm 47:2 (*Repeat*)

In our story, the Israelites were being led by Samuel who was a judge. When Samuel was old and about to die, the Israelites saw a chance to ask for a new kind of leader. They wanted a king. Other nations had kings and they seemed more cool and powerful than the Israelite leaders. So, God decided to grant their wish and said he would give them a king. But, God warned them that a king would bring a lot of trouble. Kings can get power hungry and get super demanding and super selfish.

In fact, we're going to talk about some Israelite kings in future lessons and we'll see how God's warning proves to be true. Israel ended up having many kings who were terrible people who did terrible things. And, none of that would have happened if they had just realized that God was a better king than any man ever could be!

Kids, let's remember that there is no better king than God. He's the best and he's the king over everyone everywhere!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

**Song** Whole World

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

## **Slide: Big Idea**

God is the real king over everyone everywhere. (Repeat)

## **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.