


Tonight's

God speaks! And we're to keep our ears wide open to hear what He has to say to us. Tonight there's a picture of an ear (like this ) on every page of the worksheet (including this one). See if you can spot them all!

passage – **1 Samuel 9.¹⁸-10.¹**

theme – **Saul & the call!**

Tall Saul & God's call



Saul would become Israel's first king.

Read **1 Samuel 9 verse 2** to see how he's described the first time we come across him.

He was "as _____ a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel and he was a head _____ than anyone else"



Today's passage tells how he met the prophet Samuel – and how that changed his life!



Read
1 Samuel 9
verses 18-21

go to church

God calls you to Jesus!

¹⁸ Saul approached Samuel in the gateway and asked, 'Would you please tell me where the seer's house is?'

¹⁹ 'I am the seer,' Samuel replied. 'Go up ahead of me to the high place, for today you are to eat with me, and in the morning I will send you on your way and will tell you all that is in your heart. ²⁰ As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, do not worry about them; they have been found. And to whom is all **the desire of Israel** turned, if not to you and your whole family line?'

²¹ Saul answered, 'But am I not a Benjaminite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why do you say such a thing to me?'

It wasn't exactly to 'church' that Saul went!

But it was to the prophet Samuel that he went – and God's people who have trusted in Jesus (the church) are said to fulfil the role of a prophet.

So Saul's going to Samuel is a bit like you going to church!

When you start going to church where the Bible is being taught .. things start to happen!

Saul started to see that God had a **big** plan for his life!

God has a big plan for your life as well!

'the desire of Israel'

Take a look at 1 Samuel 8.5 and you'll see what it was that Israel desired.

The elders of Israel said they wanted

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God wants you to share with King Jesus in bringing His message to the world. Are you up for that?!



the big supper (communion)

Read 1 Samuel 9 verse 22-24

²² Then Samuel brought Saul and his servant into the hall and seated them at the head of those who were invited – about thirty in number.

²³ Samuel said to the cook, 'Bring the piece of meat I gave you, the one I told you to lay aside.'

²⁴ So the cook took up the thigh with what was on it and set it in front of Saul.

Samuel said, 'Here is what has been kept for you. Eat, because it was set aside for you for this occasion from the time I said, "I have invited guests."'

And Saul dined with Samuel that day.

As part of this evening's service, we'll receive some bread and drink some 'wine': it's grape juice rather than wine – but wine is the juice from grapes!

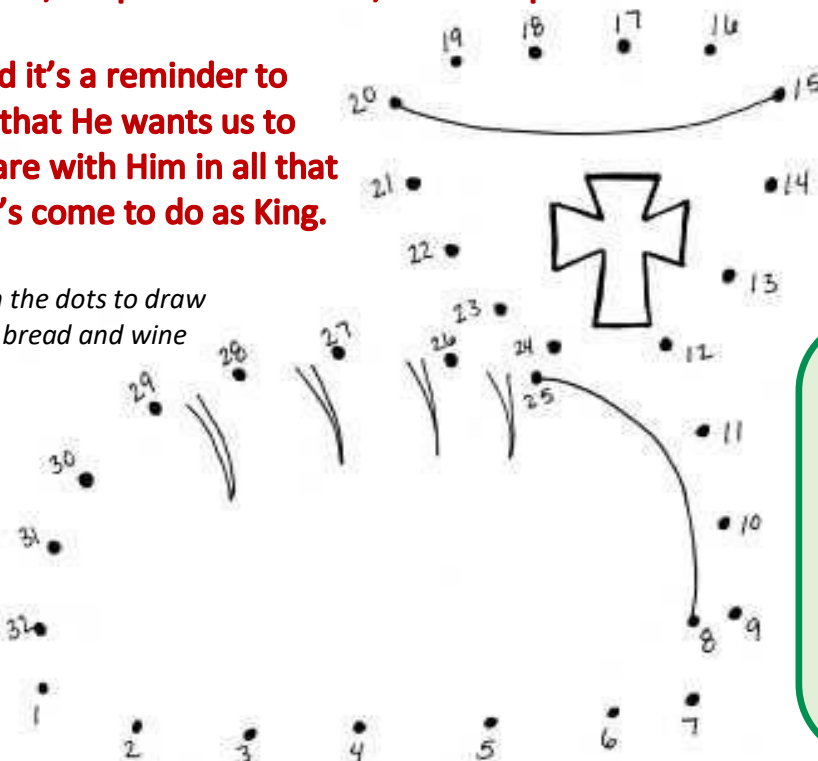
We do this once a month, one month in the morning and the next in the evening.

It reminds us of the supper Jesus shared with His disciples the night before He died.

It's not exactly a meal! But Jesus told His disciples to keep doing this. It's a reminder of His love towards us, His death for us, His presence with us, and His Spirit in us.

And it's a reminder to us that He wants us to share with Him in all that He's come to do as King.

Join the dots to draw the bread and wine



God had a really important job for Saul to do.

Can you figure out how God let him know that by

- where Saul was to sit?
- what he was given to eat?



Read
1 Samuel
9.25-10.1

²⁵ After they came down from the high place to the town, Samuel talked with Saul on the roof of his house.

²⁶ They rose about daybreak, and Samuel called to Saul on the roof, 'Get ready, and I will send you on your way.'

When Saul got ready, he and Samuel went outside together. ²⁷ As they were going down to the edge of the town, Samuel said to Saul, 'Tell the servant to go on ahead of us'—and the servant did so—'but you stay here for a while, so that I may give you a message from God.'

10 Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, 'Has not the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?'

God's Word

A message from God

God speaks to His people through those whom He has called to be preachers of His Word.

Like Samuel!

Draw a line between each of the following statements and the relevant bit in the passage

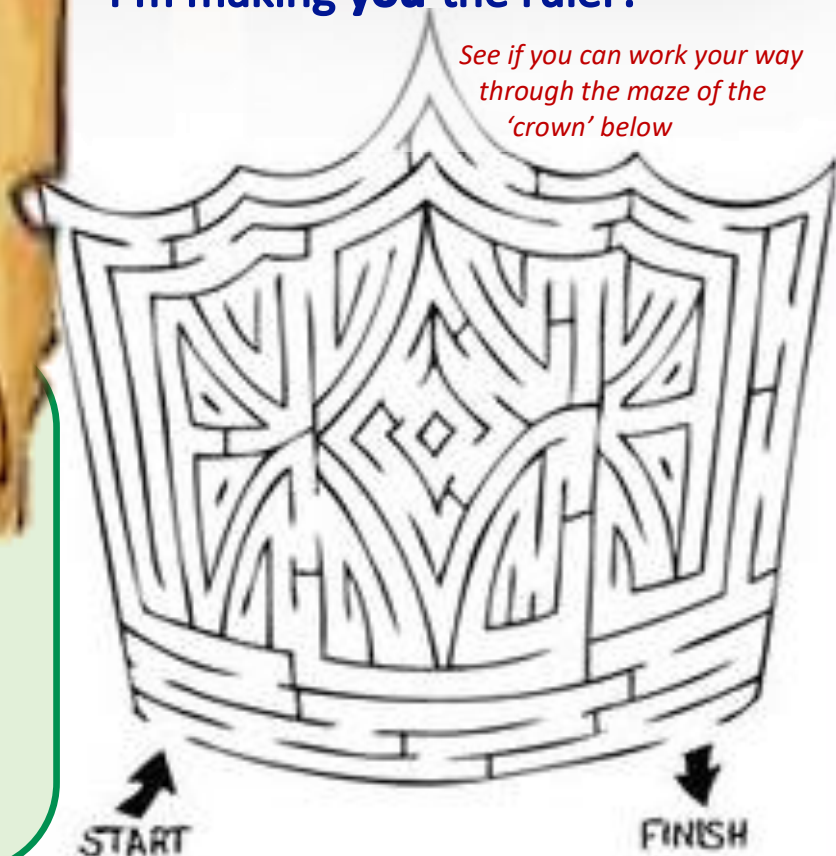
Samuel talked with Saul in the evening.

Samuel woke Saul up in the morning.

Samuel told him God's message.

God's word to Saul through Samuel was this —
"I'm making you the ruler!"

See if you can work your way through the maze of the 'crown' below

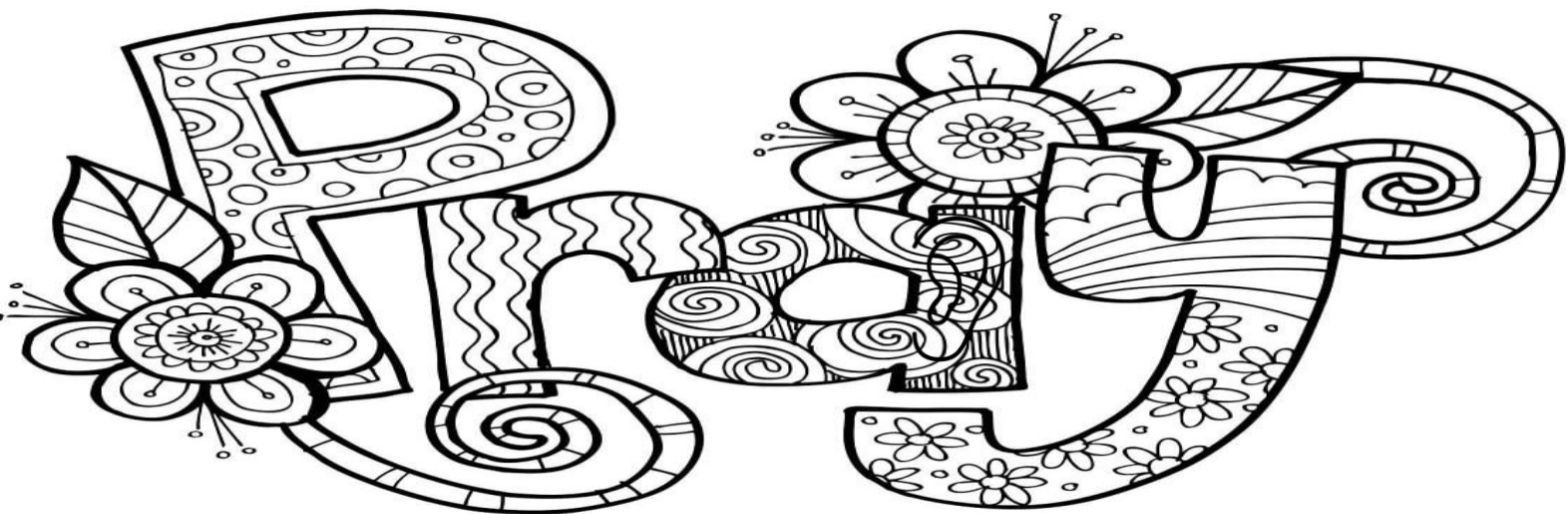


Speak Lord!

Come to church expecting God to speak to you — through what's sung and through the Bible reading.

What has God been saying to you through tonight's passage?





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you

Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You speak to Your people through the Bible.

Help me to be a good listener!

It's great to learn how You are always glad to have very ordinary people like me sharing with You in what You're doing!

But I know how Saul must have felt because whenever I hear that You're calling me to serve You, the first thing I'm thinking is – 'No way! I can't do that!'

Thank You for the reminder You give Your people when they eat the bread and drink the wine that You're always with us and will always help us by Your Holy Spirit in us!

Help me to remember that You're always with me!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

'Stay here for a while
that I may give you a
message from God'

(1 Sam.9.27)



Wordsearch

Jesus told lots of stories to tell people about God's kingdom. There's nothing as great as being a part of God's kingdom and sharing with Him in His work: this Wordsearch is taken from a couple of the short stories He told about selling everything to get treasure or a jewel of huge value.

You can read the stories in Matthew 13.44-46

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GREAT
KINGDOM
VALUE

AGAIN
FIELD
ALL

SOLD
JOY
HEAVEN

TREASURE
FOUND
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BOUGHT
HIDDEN
PEARLS

COLOUR in the picture

Speak

For Lord,
For your

Servant

Is

Listening.

