

Getting to Know Who I Am

The 7 Redemptive Gifts



14 Lesson Introductory Series



WEEK5 - TEACHER

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

- ✓ Do the Check box list page (Optional: Use PowerPoint slide to help visualize)

15 Minutes: Bible Character – act out the Bible story

- ✓ Week 5 ~ Samuel

15 Minutes: Retell the Story Game

- ✓ The teacher should begin the story, and each student should add to the story using clues provided at the end of this lesson plan.

15 Minutes: Creative Cover Page for this lesson: Introduce Gift

- ✓ Color or decorate the letters TEACHER. Decorate with dots, colors, glitter – be creative. Add a drawing or art work for the story of Jonah as time permits.

WEEK 6 - TEACHER

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

- ✓ Do the check box list in Workbook (Optional: Use PowerPoint slide as a teaching aid)

15 Minutes: Bible Character – act out the Bible story

- ✓ Week 2 Review the Story of Samuel

15 Minutes - Creative Corner – show more than 1 solution to the problem.

- ✓ Divide into teams: Can you solve this problem game?

15 Minutes - Return to group for Application to the Gift of Teacher

- ✓ Discuss how your group solved the problem
- ✓ Review the Bible verse and end class with prayer

WEEK 5– TEACHER



Teacher: I want to get to know you better. And, your classmates want to get to know you better. So this class is about getting to know each other better – and getting to know ourselves better too. One way to get to know ourselves better is to learn about the gifts God has given to each one of us. Each one of us has been given special gifts from God. The past four weeks we learned about the gift of Prophet and the gift of Servant. How many think they may have the gift of Prophet, how many think you have the gift of Servant? Today we are going to learn about the gift of Teacher. Let's begin with the "What I Do Best Game." Please look at the workbook page with the check boxes on it.

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

Teacher: Put a check in the box that most describes you

Spiritual Gift of Teacher

- I like to research and repeat stories accurately.
- I would never add anything or exaggerate the truth.
- I am dependable, because people know that I will be accurate.
- I make decisions slowly and processes information slowly.
- I do not reject or receive new truth quickly. I like to use my intellect.
- I am usually late for appointments.
- I have a hard time getting homework done on time.
- I often have difficulty handling money.

15 Minutes: Bible Character – Act out the story of Samuel (A Teacher of God)

Teacher: Divide class according to number of actors needed for the parts listed below:

Narrator: Read from book of 1 Samuel.

Actors: (*Children Mime as part is read from Bible*)

A sign holder

Samuel

Eli the Priest

Everyone else in class – People of Israel

TEACHER: Every year back in Old Testament Bible times people would take a trip to the temple to worship the Lord. The story today has a few lessons about the life of Samuel. Samuel had the spiritual gift of Teacher. Before Samuel' was born, his mother prayed she would have son. She told the Lord if he gave her a son she would give him back to the Lord to serve him all the days of his life. When the boy was still very young, Samuel's mother and father took him to the temple in Jerusalem to live there and serve the Lord. Each year his mother and father would visit him; and his mother would make him a new coat to wear. Samuel had a room to sleep in the temple.

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The LORD Calls Samuel

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Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ **And he ran to Eli** and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." **"My son," Eli said,** "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" **And Samuel got up and went to Eli** and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

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¹⁹ The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. ²¹ The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

1 Samuel 8

Israel Asks for a King

¹ When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders.^[a] ² The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. ³ But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead^[b] us, such as all the other nations have.”

⁶ But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. ⁷ And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. ⁸ As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. ⁹ Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

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Then Samuel said to the Israelites, "Everyone go back to your own town."

15 Minutes: [Retell the story](#)

Teacher: (Begin to tell the story, and point to someone or ask for a raise of hands on who knows what comes next in the story).

15 Minutes: [Creative Cover Page for each lesson: Introduce Gift](#)

Teacher: Use this time to Color or decorate the letters TEACHER in the Workbook. Children may decorate with dots, colors, glitter. Encourage children to be creative. If time allows, ask the children to add a drawing or art work showing the story of Samuel.

Bible Verse: Teach the Bible Verse from the workbook. The PowerPoint slide may also be used to teach the verse.

Prayer: Ask someone to close the class in prayer. Remind children that next week they will learn more about the Gift of Teacher.

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15 Minutes - Creative Corner – show more than 1 solution to the problem.

- ✓ Divide class into teams: **Can you solve this problem game?**

Teacher: This week's problem: In today's lesson, Samuel had several problems. God began talking to Samuel and giving him messages that he didn't feel comfortable giving out. It was important to Samuel that others received the truth. Samuel grew up worshiping God in the temple and was loyal to both God and man. At the end of the lesson we learned that he was to appoint a king over Israel.

Teacher: Show Bible Verse ~ The Bible says in Deuteronomy 5:33 *Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.* (Repeat the verse 5 times with the group)

In the lesson today, did Samuel walk in total obedience in all the Lord commanded him to do? Give me some examples of when Samuel was obedient.

In your group discuss the following problem: Someone asks you to help them with a science project at 5PM today. You tell them yes you will be there. Then, a couple of other friends ask you if you would like to go play a video game with them. You really would rather play the video game. What do you tell your friends? What choice do you make.

15 Minutes - Return to group

- ✓ Discuss how your group solved the problem: Raise your hand if you like to worship God and spend time alone with him. Which ones in this class think it is really important to be a loyal friend and family member? How many here think it is very important to receive wisdom and understanding? It is okay if you didn't raise your hand – there is no right or wrong answer. However, those that raised your hands may want to consider that you have been given the spiritual gift of teacher. A person with the gift of teacher is a very loyal friend and loves to spend time with the Lord.

Class Closing:

Teacher: Use this time to put together in your own words how each group worked together to solve the problem. Show that each member of the team was important to solving the problem.

Bible Verse: Recite the Bible verse from the workbook or from the PowerPoint slide. Discuss the meaning of the verse.

Prayer: Ask someone to close the class in prayer. Remind children that next week they will learn about the next spiritual gift – the spiritual gift of Exhorter. Maybe *you* have been given that gift by God.

Tomato



priest



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Wine

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Act 1

The LORD Calls Samuel

Act 2

Israel Asks for a King

Workbook Pages Week 5 & Week 6

Teacher: Copy a set of the following pages for each child in class. Collect the set at the end of class and place a paper clip on the pages.

Please add these new lessons to the back of each child's workbook.

At the end of 14 weeks, children may take their completed workbooks home with them.

TEACHER

Week 1

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Bible Verse

Deuteronomy 5:33

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Samuel had a problem ~

While Samuel was growing up in the temple, he grew in wisdom and the knowledge of God. A teacher desires knowledge and likes to study to learn the facts. Samuel loved God and he worshipped him in the temple where he grew up. He was loyal to Eli, the priest, and he was loyal to God.

What lesson did you learn from the story about the life of Samuel?

A person with the gift of servant is a very loyal friend and loves to spend time with the Lord.