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# Long Live King Saul!

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One day, Israel's leaders came to Samuel the prophet and said, "You are an old man. You set a good example as our leader, but now we want a king to be our leader, just like all the other nations. Choose one for us!"

So Samuel the prophet sent messengers to tell the Israelites to come and meet the LORD. When everyone had arrived, Samuel said, "The LORD God of Israel told me to remind you that he had rescued you from the Egyptians and from your troubles and hard times. Now you have asked for a king. Each tribe and clan must come near the place of worship so the LORD can choose a king."

Samuel brought each tribe, one after the other, to the altar, and the LORD chose the Benjamin tribe. Next, Samuel brought each clan of Benjamin there, and the LORD chose the Matri clan. Finally, Saul was chosen. But when they looked for him, he was nowhere to be found.

The people prayed, "Our LORD, is Saul here?"

"Yes," the LORD answered, "he is hiding behind the baggage."

The people ran and got Saul and brought him into the middle of the crowd. He was more than a head taller than anyone else. "Look closely at the man the LORD has chosen!" Samuel told the crowd. "There is no one like him!"

The crowd shouted, "Long live the king!"

*Based on 1 Samuel 8.4-5 and 10.17-24*

**KEY VERSE 1 Samuel 10.24**

*“Look closely at the man the LORD has chosen!  
There is no one like him!”*

“Samuel, we want a  
king to lead us.”

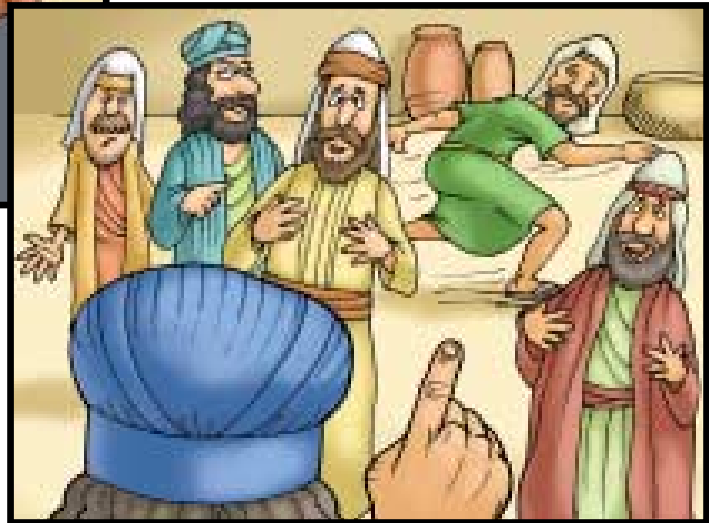
“The LORD will  
choose your king.”



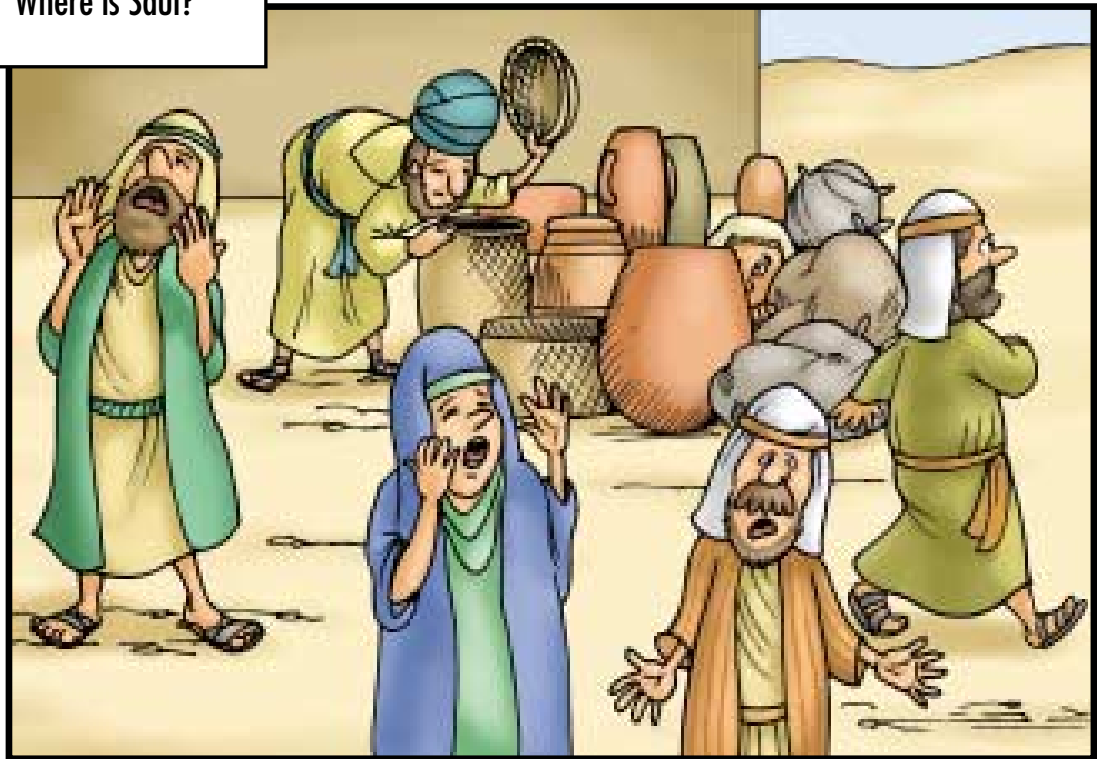
Each tribe came to the altar.



Saul was chosen.

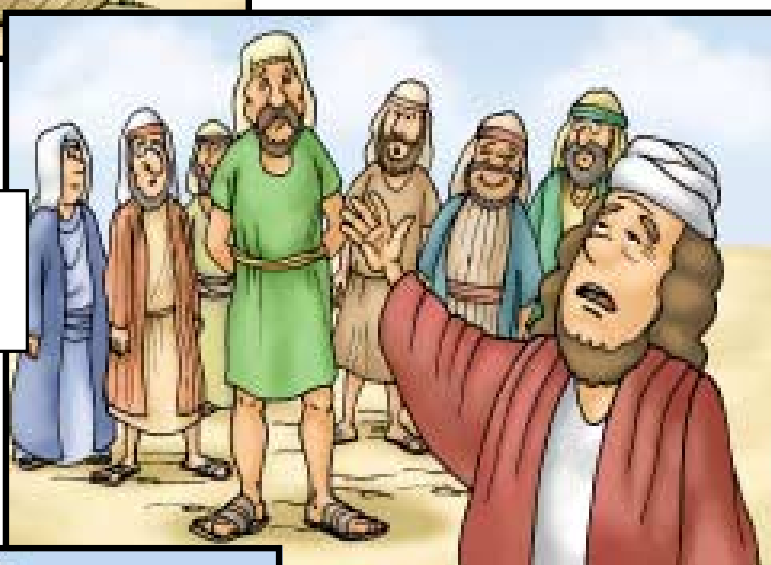


"Where is Saul?"





"There he is behind the baggage."



"The LORD has chosen this man to be your king!"



"Long live King Saul!"