

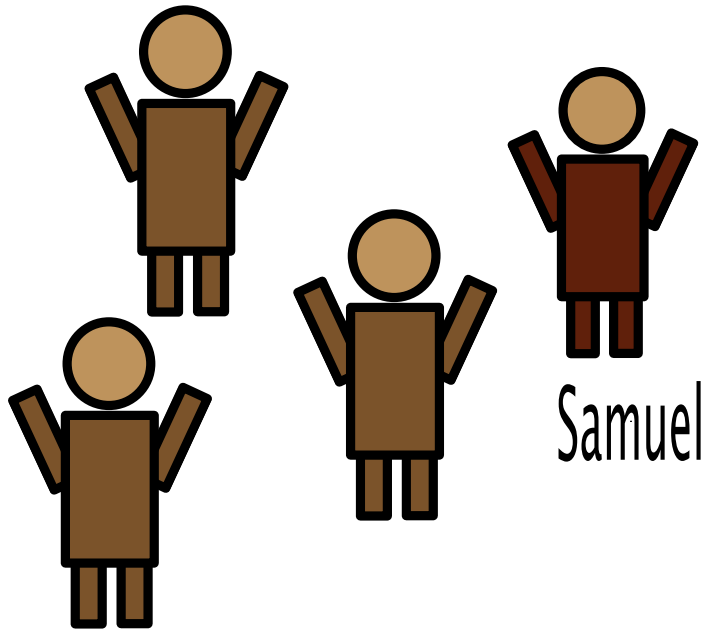
Saul Becomes King



1 Samuel 8-10
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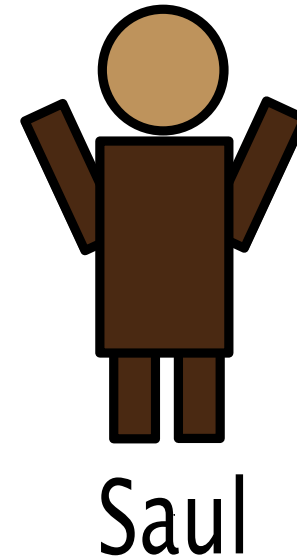


So all of the elders of Israel gathered together. They said to him, "You are old. Your sons don't live as you do. So appoint a king to lead us. We want a king just like the kings all of the other nations have."

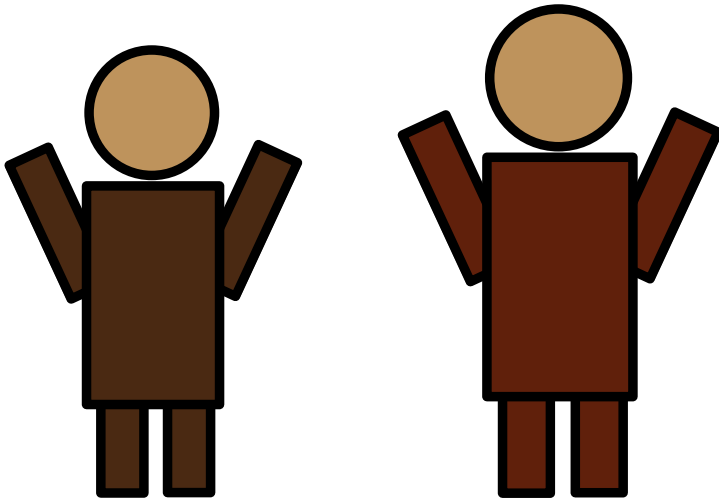


"Let them have what they want. But give them a strong warning. Let them know what the king who rules over them will do."

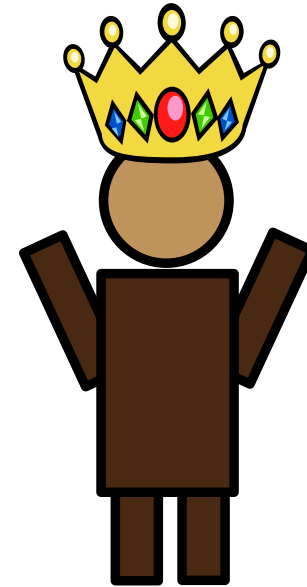
In spite of what Samuel said, the people refused to listen to him. "No!" they said. "We want a king to rule over us."



Saul was a handsome young man. There wasn't anyone like him among the people of Israel. He was a head taller than any of them.



Then Samuel took a bottle of olive oil. He poured it on Saul's head and kissed him. He said, "The Lord has anointed you to be the leader of his people."



Samuel spoke to all of the people. He said, "Look at the man the Lord has chosen! There isn't anyone like him among all of the people."

Then the people shouted, "May the king live a long time!"