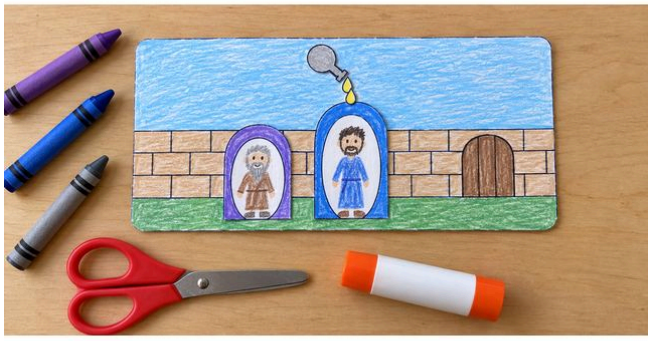
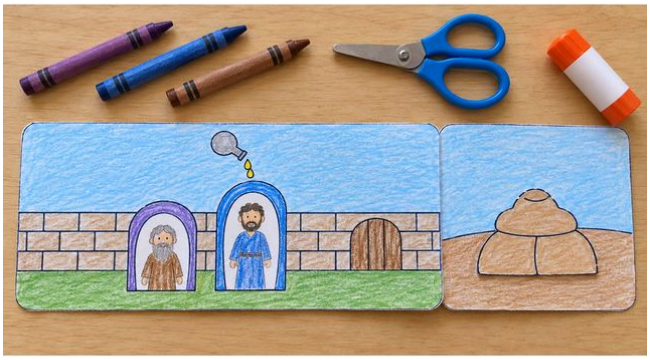
Preschool–Grade 5

Samuel Anoints Saul Craft

A vial of oil at the end of the city · 1 Samuel 9–10 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished





Easy and medium

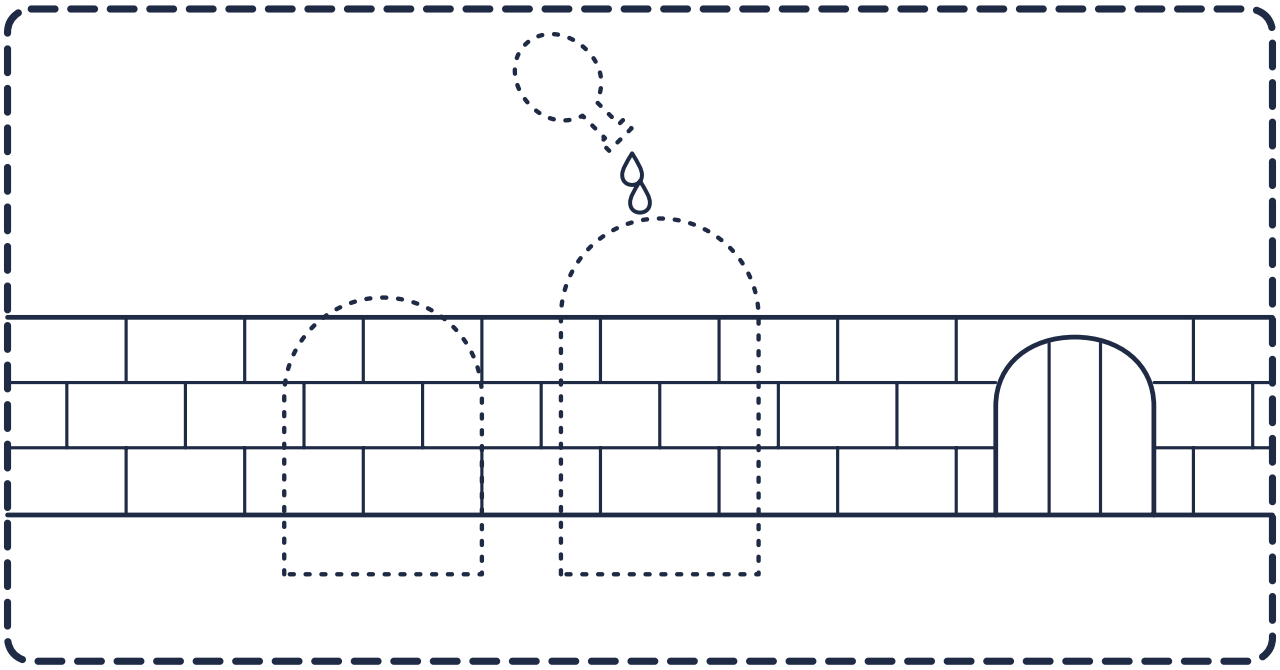
Harder

Both levels are a card with a light blue sky, a light brown stone city wall with a brown gate, and green grass. Samuel stands in a shorter purple window, and Saul, taller than anyone from his shoulders up, stands in a taller blue window (1 Samuel 9:2). Above Saul, a gray vial tips over, with two yellow oil drops falling on his head: Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it upon his head (10:1). Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same, plus a fold-out Mizpeh panel on the right side, where a flap of light brown sacks hides Saul: he hid himself among the stuff (10:22).

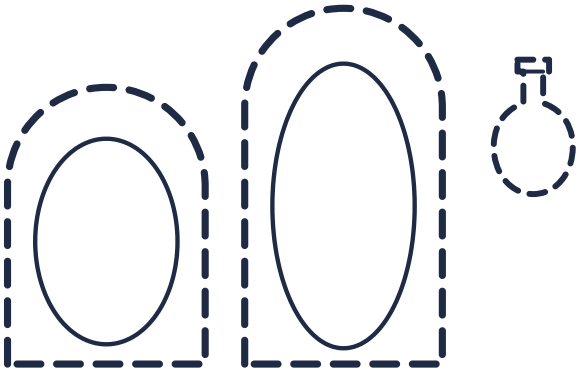
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, wall light brown, gate brown, grass green, oil drops yellow.



Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

1 Samuel 10:1 (KJV)

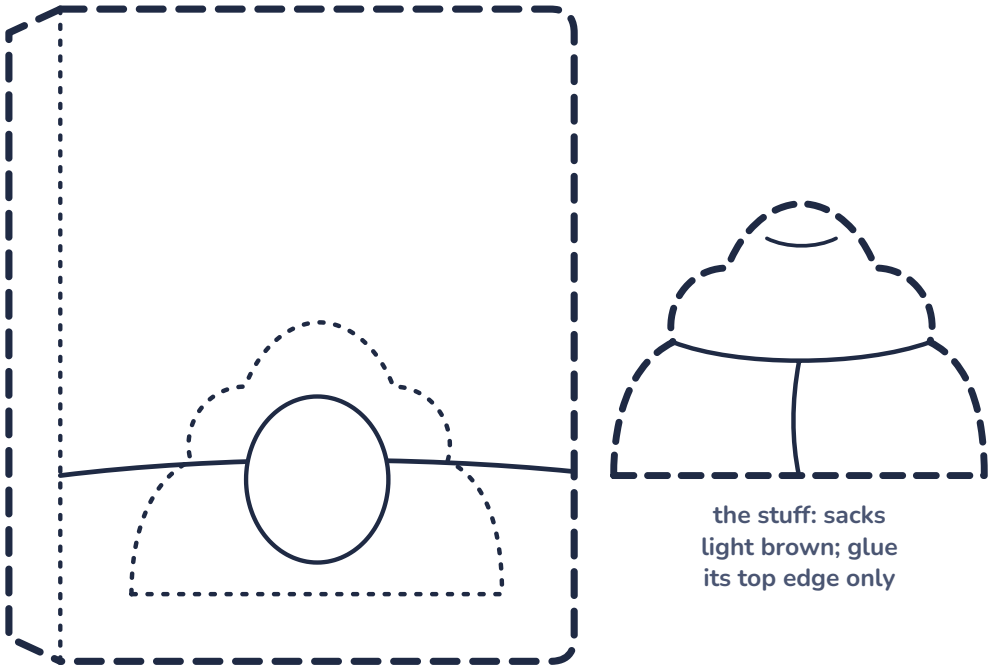
Samuel window (shorter): draw Samuel, an old man; color the frame purple.
Saul window (taller): draw Saul, a tall young man; color the frame blue. vial: gray.
verse strip: glue it on the back of the card.

Color each piece the way its label says. Draw Samuel and Saul in their windows. Cut out the card, the two windows, the vial and the verse strip. Glue each piece on its dotted shape. You also need a glue stick.

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level



the stuff: sacks light brown; glue its top edge only

Mizpeh: sky light blue, ground light brown. Draw Saul hiding in the oval. Fold the glue tab back on the dotted line.

How to make the harder level

1. Make the card, the two windows, the vial and the verse strip from page 2 first.
2. Color the panel: the sky light blue and the ground light brown. In the white oval, draw Saul hiding. Color the sacks on the stuff piece light brown.
3. Cut out the panel with its glue tab, and the stuff piece. Fold the tab back on the dotted line.
4. Put glue only along the top edge of the stuff piece, and glue it on its dotted shape over Saul, so it lifts like a flap.
5. Turn the card over. Glue the tab on the back of the card along its right edge, so the panel sticks out to the right. Then glue the verse strip on the back too.
6. Tell it: at Mizpeh, Saul was chosen, but when they sought him, he could not be found (1 Samuel 10:17, 10:21). The LORD said, "he hath hid himself among the stuff" (10:22). Lift the flap! When Saul stood among the people, all the people shouted, "God save the king" (10:23–24).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/samuel-anoints-saul-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in light blue, light brown, brown, green, yellow, gray, purple and blue, crayons for drawing Samuel and Saul, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the two windows, the vial and the verse strip ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color the card, draw Samuel and Saul (or just color the frames), and glue each piece on its dotted shape (help with the glue). Help them glue the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut and glue. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level, then add the fold-out Mizpeh panel from page 3, where a flap of sacks hides Saul (1 Samuel 10:22). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the city wall light brown, the gate brown, the grass green and the two oil drops yellow. Leave the three dotted shapes white.
2. **Draw:** in the shorter window, draw Samuel, an old man, and color the frame purple. In the taller window, draw Saul, a tall young man, and color the frame blue. Color the vial gray.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, the Samuel window, the Saul window, the vial and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Glue:** glue the Samuel window on the shorter dotted arch and the Saul window on the taller dotted arch. Glue the vial on its dotted shape above them, so its open end points down at Saul's head and the yellow oil drops.
5. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card, and read it together.
6. **Tell it:** Saul went to seek his father's lost asses and came to Samuel the seer (1 Samuel 9:3, 9:18–19). The LORD had told Samuel the day before, "I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin" (9:16). Point to the vial: Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it upon Saul's head (10:1).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to Saul. How tall was he? *(From his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people, 1 Samuel 9:2)*
- What was Saul looking for? *(His father's lost asses, the donkeys, 9:3)*
- Who told Samuel ahead of time that Saul was coming? *(The LORD, the day before, 9:15–16)*
- What was a prophet called in those days? *(A seer, 9:9)*
- What did Samuel tell Saul about the lost asses? *(They were found, 9:20)*
- Where were Samuel and Saul when Samuel told him to stand still? *(Going down to the end of the city, 9:27)*
- Point to the vial. What did Samuel do with it? *(He poured the oil upon Saul's head, and kissed him, 10:1)*
- What did all the people shout at Mizpeh? *("God save the king," 10:24)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: asses** means donkeys; **a choice young man, and a goodly** means a fine, handsome young man; **seer** means a prophet, a man God showed things to; **vial** means a little bottle; **anointed** means poured oil on him to show God chose him; **captain** means leader; **his inheritance** means God's own people, Israel; **the stuff** means the baggage; **God save the king** means may God keep the king.
- **What the Bible says:** Samuel took "a vial of oil" (a little bottle, not a horn) and poured it upon Saul's head as they went down to the end of the city, after the servant had passed on ahead (1 Samuel 9:27, 10:1). The Bible names no crown and doesn't say Saul knelt. It doesn't describe the city, its wall, the vial or the stuff at Mizpeh. The wall, the gate, the sacks and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** each child draws Samuel as an old man (1 Samuel 8:1) and Saul as a tall young man (9:2) in their windows. On the harder level, they draw Saul hiding in the oval.
- **Show how tall Saul was:** let kids compare the two windows. Saul's is taller, because from his shoulders up he was higher than any of the people (1 Samuel 9:2, 10:23).
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child tip the vial over Saul's head and say, "the LORD hath anointed thee!" (1 Samuel 10:1)
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Samuel anoints Saul lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/samuel-anoints-saul.

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