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Series: Lookin' for a Leader
Fall Year 3, Lesson 26

Series Review: Lookin' for a Leader

Take Home Point: *Let Jesus, the King, be your leader. *Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: From Samuel to Solomon's son, God looks for leaders who will follow him.

Key Verse: Psalm 31:3b, "For the sake of your name, lead me and guide me."

We will help kids know:

- Review Biblical characters from Samuel to Solomon's son and how important it is to be led by God.
- Though the kings of the Old Testament were not faithful, Jesus, the King of kings, was faithful and gave his life for us.
- In faith, we can follow Jesus, the King of kings.




We will help kids feel:

- Excited about knowing the Bible and what is reviewed today.
- Confident of their relationship with God through their faith in Christ.

We will help kids do:

- Play a game that challenges them to know and remember Bible events.
- Pray and open their hearts to more fully follow Jesus, the King.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Small Group Warm-Up 	3	Kids review Bible events from Eli and Samuel through Jeroboam and Rehoboam with the game, "Lookin' for a Leader."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 tokens which might be checkers, bottle caps, cookies or crackers • Lookin' for a Leader questions (pages 6-12) • game board (see appendix)
Large Group 	4 6 13 15	Overview Puppet Presentation: "Gordy Looks for a Leader." Gordy thinks he would make the best king. Review Questions: Kids play a crown toss Tic-Tac-Toe game to review the Bible events from this series. Puppet Conclusion: "Gordy Looks for a Leader." Gordy decides Jesus is the best king and leader to follow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nine 2-liter bottles • ten paper crowns (Burger King crowns are fine. Identify each of the two teams with a different color or decoration.) • masking/duct tape to create large Tic-Tac-Toe board on the floor • a crown for Gordy labeled, "Gordy, the King"
Small Group Application 	4	Questions and discussion will be used to remember and think about Old Testament kings and how it relates to following Jesus, our King and Savior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same as warm-up

Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



Purpose: *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

The game today is for review of the series “Lookin’ for a Leader” covering Bible events from the Summer and Fall seasons. You have the option to start with Samuel in the Summer series or start with King David in the Fall. In either case, you will have plenty of questions. The questions are on the attached appendix pages. Please check the instructions for asking questions so that you can adapt questions to your group, making them as difficult or easy as you need. These questions and this game will be used both in Small Group Warm-up and Small Group Application.

For the game you will need a game sheet (see attached) and two different sets of tokens. These tokens need to remind kids of crowns. These could be checker pieces or bottle caps turned upside down for one team or right side up for another team. Even snacks such as mini-Oreos or mini-Ritz Bitz could remind them of crowns and, therefore, could be used as tokens.

The object of the the game is for one of the two teams to get four tokens in a row on the gameboard. To place a token on the board, a team must answer their question correctly.

Say to the kids:

Today we will play the game, “Lookin’ for a Leader.” At the end of the game you will answer this question: “Who is the best leader we can follow?” To start the game we will divide into two teams.

Divide the group into two teams. Give each a set of tokens. Explain the rules.

Each team takes turns answering review questions from Bible events covered in previous Kingdom Quest lessons. If a team answers a question correctly, they place a token on the game board. The object of the game is to get four tokens in a row while blocking the opposing team from getting four in a row. (This game is similar to “Connect Four.”)

If an incorrect answer is given, the other team has a chance to answer that same question. If they answer the question correctly, they can place a token on the board and then receive another turn.

One person from each team answers a question. On the next turn, another person answers. Each person on the team takes a turn. Each team is allowed four passes. A pass means that if you don’t know an answer, you may pass the question to one of your teammates.

Let's start playing now. After large group, we will come back and continue playing.

Before going to large group, introduce the take home point:

Today we will learn to **let Jesus, the King, be your leader.*

Large Group Overview: 20-30 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

Puppet Presentation: "Gordy Looks for a Leader." Gordy thinks he would make the best king.

Review Questions: Kids play a crown toss Tic-Tac-Toe game to review the Bible events from this series.

Puppet Conclusion: "Gordy Looks for a Leader." Gordy decides Jesus is the best king and leader to follow.

Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

If you'd like to check your answers, use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson. Another option is for the children to look up the answers as you ask the questions.

Continue playing the review game until five minutes before closing. Stop to answer the following application questions. Close in prayer.

Application Questions: What does this mean to me?

After studying all the different kings, what have we learned? *(Let the kids answer however they wish.)*

What have you learned to apply to your life? In other words, what did these leaders do or not do that you want to do or that will help you learn? *(Follow God and do what he wants us to do.)*

Although many of these kings were not perfect, there is one leader who was perfect. Who was that? *(Jesus.)*

God sent Jesus into the world to be a king, although he wasn't a king in the way kings of this world rule. He was a king who was much greater. He was king of a kingdom we can't even see. It's a spiritual kingdom. As such a king, kings of this world are actually underneath him. They can be wise rulers and follow him or they can be unwise and not follow him. God wants kings that will lead people and show them how important it is to trust and love God.

As king of all of heaven and king over all the earth, Jesus did one thing that most people don't expect a king to do. He gave his life up for his subjects. He gave his life for us by dying on the cross for our sin so that we could be free to live with him in heaven forever. It also means that we can follow Jesus now and in everything we do.

Today we learned to **let Jesus, the King, be your leader. The key verse for today is Psalm 31:3b, "For the sake of your name, lead me and guide me."*

How many of you have ever said, "Jesus, I trust you as my Savior. I know that you are king of heaven and earth and you gave your life for me. I accept that gift of your forgiveness?"

Let kids raise their hands.

How many would like to trust in Jesus right now, if you never have before? Then you can pray with me:

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving your life on the cross for me. You truly are the King. Please be my Savior and forgive all my sin so that I can love and serve you in all that I do. Amen.

When you trust Jesus as your Savior, it is important to follow him as your leader. It is important to tell him, "I want to trust you in all that I do." Let's go ahead and pray for that today in our prayers together.

Closing Prayer:

Collect prayer requests and pray together. Thank God that he gave us the King of kings to be our Savior and leader. Ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to help all follow him every day.

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Review Questions

“Lookin’ for a Leader”

Summer Series: Samuel through David

Adjust the difficulty level of these questions according to the ability level of your group. Help your children find success. You have several options to do this. The easiest for children is to read the multiple-choice options at the end of each answer. More difficult is to have them answer from memory. You can let them use their Bibles to look up the answer, but only allow a set amount of time (30 seconds) for a team to try to find the answer in the Bible. Finally, remember that each team has four passes in which a teammate might solicit help from another member in the group.

1. **Hannah and her husband went to the tabernacle year after year to worship. Hannah prayed very hard for one thing. What was she praying for?** (Choices: a. God would give the Israelites a king; b. God would give her a baby; c. God would let her win the lottery.) *1 Samuel 1:9-11. That she would have a baby.*
2. **God heard her prayer and blessed her with a baby. How did she respond to God giving her a child?** (Choices: a. She gave her baby to serve the Lord in the tabernacle as he grew up; b. She offered many animals as sacrifices for her thankfulness; c. She sent a thank you card.) *1 Samuel 1:24-28. She dedicated Samuel to serve the Lord full-time in the tabernacle. She took him to live there when he was about three years old.*
3. **This baby’s name was Samuel. He grew up to be a great prophet. His life belonged to God. Name someone whose life belongs to God today.** (No multiple-choice options.) *1 Corinthians 6:19b-20. Everyone who believes in Jesus belongs to God, so any believer’s name can be used.*
4. **Samuel was asleep in the tabernacle. Eli, the priest was in the next room. Samuel woke up because he heard a voice calling him. Who did he think was calling?** (Choices: a. God; b. Eli; c. He left the TV on.) *1 Samuel 3:3-5. Eli.*
5. **Three times Samuel heard the voice and went to Eli. Finally Eli told him that someone else was calling him. Who did Eli say it was?** (Choice: a. Eli; b. God; c. Loud neighbors next door.) *1 Samuel 3:8-9. God.*
6. **Samuel said, “Speak, God. I’m listening.” God did speak. He told him bad news about Eli and his wicked sons. How does God speak to us today?** (Choices: a. The Bible; b. The telephone; c. He doesn’t.) *The Bible.*
7. **The Israelites were at war with the Philistines. The Israelites wanted a secret weapon. They took the Ark of God from the place of worship and into battle with them. What were they trying to do?** (Choices: a. Use it as a “good luck” charm; b. Use it to store their swords in; c. Use it as a cannon.) *1 Samuel 4:3. Use the Ark of God as a “good luck” charm or secret weapon. They didn’t ask God what he thought. Instead they followed Eli’s two wicked sons.*
8. **The Philistines who thought their god was more powerful than the Israelite’s God captured the Ark of God. But as each city held the Ark of**

- God, strange things happened to the people. What happened?** (Choices: a. The people suddenly had sores all over their bodies and many started dying; b. Their idols were found knocked over and bowing down before the Ark of God; c. Both of the above.) *1 Samuel 5:1-12. The people broke out with tumors and many died. The statues of their gods fell over and broke.*
9. **Finally the Ark of God came back to its home country of Israel. It was loaded onto a cart and then what happened?** (Choices: a. Israelites came and captured it. Then pulled the cart back to Israel; b. The cows miraculously knew the way back and pulled the ark back to Israel; c. They loaded it on to a train.) *1 Samuel 6:7-13. It was loaded on a cart and pulled by two cows. God miraculously caused the cows to pull the cart to Israel.*
 10. **The people of Israel wanted a king so that they could have a leader like the other countries. But God wanted them to follow him as their king. What do you think God thought?** (Choices: a. He didn't think it was a good idea but he gave them one anyway; b. He was tired of being a king and wanted to see if someone else could do better.) *1 Samuel 8:10-18. God warned them that some kings would be very mean to the people, taking their money and forcing them to go to war. Some kings even led their people away from God.*
 11. **Samuel, the prophet, was directed by God to choose a tall handsome man to be the first king. What was his name?** (Choices: a. Bubba Gump; b. Saul; c. King George) *1 Samuel 9:15-17. Saul.*
 12. **The prophet Samuel gathered all the leaders of Israel together to show them who God had chosen to be king. Saul wasn't there because he was scared. Where was he hiding?** (Choices: a. He was hiding in a tree; b. He was hiding in the baggage; c. He made himself invisible with his invisible ring.) *1 Samuel 10:21-22. He was hiding in the baggage.*
 13. **King Saul led his soldiers against the Philistines who were attacking the towns of Israel. The problem was Saul relied on his own strength rather than the Lord's strength. This was seen when he was supposed to wait for the prophet Samuel to come and offer a sacrifice before going to battle. Instead of waiting, what did Saul do?** (Choices: a. He performed the sacrifice himself; b. He ordered out for pizza for all of his soldiers because they got hungry while waiting so long.) *1 Samuel 13:9. Saul performed the sacrifice himself.*
 14. **God gave orders to Saul that he should not keep any of the cattle or possessions of the people that God helped him defeat in battle. But Saul disobeyed God. What did he do?** (Choices: a. Saul saved some of the best things for himself; b. Saul sold all their stuff at a garage sale and kept the money.) *1 Samuel 15:9. Saul saved some of the best things for himself.*
 15. **Since Saul did not follow God with his whole heart, God said that he would no longer be king. God would choose a new king. What was his name?** (Choices: a. Spike; b. Joshua; c. David, d. Burger King.) *1 Samuel 16:10-13. His name was David.*
 16. **David was a shepherd boy whose family lived in Bethlehem. But he also played music. How did this help Saul?** (Choices: a. David played music for King Saul when he was troubled; b. David was part of a rock and roll band

- that made lots of money which he gave to Saul.) *1 Samuel 16:14-23. David played music for Saul when Saul was troubled.*
17. **One of the best things about David is that the Bible says that David followed God with his whole heart. What does this mean?** (Choices: a. He really loved God and wanted to serve him; b. David was also a surgeon who could operate on hearts and make them whole.) *He loved God and wanted to serve him.*
 18. **David fought a giant. What was the giant's name?** (No multiple choices) *1 Samuel 17:4. Goliath.*
 19. **When David volunteered to fight Goliath, King Saul offered him his weapons. What did he offer David?** (Choices: a. Machine gun and hand grenade; b. Royal armor; c. slingshot and stones.) *1 Samuel 17:38. Saul offered David his royal armor.*
 20. **David refused Saul's armor. It didn't fit him anyway. Instead, he took his slingshot. He knew that God had helped him use it before to defend his flock against what?** (Choices: a. Hungry Philistines; b. Lions and bears; c. Bigfoot.) *1 Samuel 17:34-37. Against lions and bears.*
 21. **When David went forward to the valley to meet and do battle with Goliath, he was confident even though the giant was bragging about killing David and feeding him to the birds. David told Goliath that he would be defeated. Why was David so brave and confident?** (Choices: a. He knew he was a great shot with a sling; b. Goliath had insulted God and David knew God would defeat him; c. David had a hand grenade in case the rocks didn't work.) *1 Samuel 17:46-47. He was confident that God would win the battle for him.*
 22. **After David had killed Goliath, he was a hero. King Saul became jealous when he heard the people singing David's praises. What did he try to do to David?** (Choices: a. Saul tried to make David go back to his sheep as a shepherd; b. Saul tried to kill David; c. Saul got his own TV show so that he could be more popular.) *1 Samuel 18:11, 29. Saul tried to kill him.*
 23. **Saul's son was a very close friend of David. What was his name?** (Choices: a. Jonathan; b. Moses; c. Herbert.) *1 Samuel 18:1. Jonathan.*
 24. **Once Jonathan helped David escape by warning him that his father was still angry with him and wanted to kill him. What was the secret way that Jonathan let David know that it was not safe to be around Saul?** (Choices: a. He shot arrows and had a servant find them by shouting - "Go farther;" b. He threw rocks at the bushes where David was hiding; c. He made signs on poster board that said, "Not safe. Dad's still angry.") *1 Samuel 20:17-23. He had a special signal when he shot arrows. He had his servant run to find them.*
 25. **Are there really such things as witches? Yes or No?** (Choices: a. Yes, one is even mentioned in the Bible; b. Only on Halloween; c. Only on television.) *1 Samuel 28:7-9. Yes, witches and mediums are those who practice witchcraft or call on the powers of darkness.*
 26. **King Saul went to the witch of Endor and wanted her to call up the spirit of someone who had died before. Who was this person and what did Saul want to know?** (Choices: a. The prophet, Samuel, because he wanted to know what to do in his war against the Philistines; b. God, because he was

- afraid to talk to God himself and thought the witch could help him; c. The Wizard of Oz, because he wanted to find his way back to Kansas.) *1 Samuel 28:11-19. He wanted to call the prophet, Samuel, so that he could find out what would happen and what to do in his war with the Philistines.*
27. **The witch at Endor did not help him. God's prophecy was fulfilled finally. Saul's kingdom was taken away from him because he did not obey God. He died in battle. How did he die?** (Choices: a. He died of old age; b. He died in battle; c. He died in a chariot wreck.) *1 Samuel 31:1-6. He died in battle along with his sons, including Jonathan.*
 28. **David talked to God in a personal way. What are the songs called that David wrote and people later sang in worship?** (Choices: a. Song of Songs; b. Psalms; c. The Cat in the Hat.) *Psalms.*
 29. **One of the psalms that David wrote compares the Lord with a person who takes care of a certain type of animal. That Psalm begins, "The Lord is my _____, I am never in need."** (Choices: a. Cattle rancher; b. Shepherd; c. Used car salesman.) *Psalms 23:1. The Lord is my shepherd.*
 30. **David was called a man after God's own heart. What does this mean?** (Choices: a. Someone who follows God and does what he wants; b. Someone is trying to build sculpture of God's heart; c. Someone who sends God a valentine.) *Acts 13:22. A person after God's own heart is someone who follows God and does what God wants.*

"Lookin' for a Leader"

Fall Series –David through Jeroboam

1. **David had much success as God's leader because he first asked the Lord for direction. Before he went to battle against God's enemies, he always asked God if he should attack. One time he knew it was time to attack when he heard the sound of something in the tops of the trees. What did he hear?** (Choices: a. God's army of angels; b. Squirrels; c. Dolphins.) *2 Samuel 5:24. God's army of angels.*
2. **Sin trapped David. It happened when he saw someone else's wife and wanted her for himself. Do you remember her name?** (Choices: a. Bathsheba; b. Showersheba; c. Sinksheba.) *2 Samuel 11:3. Bathsheba.*
3. **Sin trapped David. The first step is that he replayed his sinful thoughts over and over in his mind. Then, he took action and stole Bathsheba while her husband was away from the city. What was her husband doing?** (Choices: a. He was in distant lands fighting battles for David as a captain; b. He was a traveling shoe salesman; c. He was a famous camel racer.) *2 Samuel 11:6-7. Uriah was in a distant land fighting battles in David's army.*
4. **David tried to cover up his sin by having Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, killed. He did this by sending secret orders to the general who was leading the army. During one of the battles, what did the general do?** (Choices: a. Shot Uriah in the back when they were attacking and blamed it on the enemy; b. When they were close to the city wall, the men were to draw

- back in hopes that Uriah would be killed; c. Ran over him with their bicycles.) *2 Samuel 11:14-17. When they were close to the city wall, the other men were to draw back.*
5. **David had been trapped by sin. The only way out was to confess his sin and receive forgiveness. God sent his prophet, Nathan, to point out David's sin. How did Nathan do this?** (Choices: a. Nathan told a story about a rich man and a poor man. The rich man stole the poor man's pet lamb and served it for dinner to a traveling guest; b. Nathan guessed what David did wrong by playing the game "Ten Questions;" c. Nathan used a crystal ball to find out what David had done.) *2 Samuel 12:1-6. Nathan told a story about a rich man who stole a poor man's pet lamb and served it for dinner.*
 6. **When David realized that he should not hide his sin from God, he turned to God to ask for forgiveness. What did God do?** (Choices: a. God forgave him; b. God wouldn't listen to him; c. God told him to do more good things so he could forgive him.) *Psalms 51 and 2 Samuel 12:13. God forgave him.*
 7. **We, too, can receive forgiveness when we turn to God. This is because Jesus did something for us. What was it?** (Choices: a. Took our sin when he died on the cross; b. He said he would keep it a secret if we would.) *2 Corinthians 5:21. Took our sin when he died on the cross for us.*
 8. **David had a son named Absalom. Absalom rebelled and tried to make himself king. Is this what God wanted him to do? Yes or no.** *No.*
 9. **Absalom's armies were fighting against David's armies and were defeated. Absalom ran away and was caught in a most unusual way. How was that?** (Choices: a. He was riding a mule and during his escape, his hair was caught in the branches of a tree and he was left hanging in mid-air. B. He disguised himself as an Egyptian and escaped in a caravan; c. He escaped on his skateboard.) *2 Samuel 18:9-15. His hair was caught in the thick branches of an oak tree where he was left dangling.*
 10. **King David and Bathsheba had a son who grew up to be the next king after David. At one time, he was known as one of the wisest men in the world. What was his name?** (Choices: a. Solomon; b. King David Jr.; c. King Pin.) *1 Kings 1:28-30. Solomon.*
 11. **Solomon had a dream that God said he would give him whatever he asked for. What did King Solomon ask for?** (Choices: a. Money and riches; b. A wise and understanding heart; c. A new game boy.) *1 Kings 3:9, 12. A wise and understanding heart.*
 12. **God was pleased that Solomon asked for wisdom so that he would better govern God's people. In addition to wisdom, what else did God give him?** (Choices: a. Riches and honor; b. a new game boy.) *1 Kings 3:13. Riches and honor.*
 13. **Up until Solomon's time the people worshiped God and made sacrifices in the tabernacle that was a tent. Solomon would have the chance to build a very special place for God's people to worship and bring their sacrifices. What was this place called?** (Choices: a. St. Solomon's church; b. The temple; c. The super-sized tabernacle.) *1 Kings 6. The temple.*
 14. **In this temple was an important symbol of God's presence with his people. It was something like a box that was covered with gold and two**

- golden angels were on top. The people had kept it for hundreds of years, ever since Moses' day. Now it was placed in the most holy place of the temple. What was it called? (Choices: a. Noah's ark; b. Joan of Ark; c. The Ark of God or Ark of the Covenant.) *1 Kings 8:6. The Ark of God, or the Ark of the Covenant.*
15. **Many sacrifices were done at the temple using animals. When an innocent animal was killed, it was done to remind people that God could forgive sin but it would cost life. This would remind people many years later that our forgiveness cost a person his life. Who was that person?** *Jesus.*
 16. **Though Solomon was supposed to be very wise, he made some very poor choices in his later years. He married many wives and let them continue to worship their false idols. This pulled his heart away from worshiping the true and living God. As a result of this, some bad things happened to his kingdom. What happened?** (Choices: a. Solomon's kingdom would be torn apart and one of his servant's would have part of the kingdom; b. Solomon would be struck blind; c. Solomon's nose would grow an inch every time he bowed toward a false idol.) *1 Kings 11:11. God would tear away part of the kingdom from Solomon and give it to one of his servants. Solomon's son would keep one tribe for the sake of David.*
 17. **Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was supposed to be the next king. When it was Rehoboam's turn to rule, the wise advisors told Rehoboam not to force the people to pay too many taxes and to be kind to the people. On the other hand, Rehoboam's younger advisors told him that he should be tough on the people, even more than his father Solomon had been. Whose advice did Rehoboam follow?** (Choices: a. The wise counselors; b. The young men who foolishly advised him to be harder on the people; c. The advice of his wife, Ann Landers.) *1 Kings 12:13-14. He followed the advice of his young friends and promised the people more taxes and more work.*
 18. **Not only did Rehoboam take the bad advice but he also did something very wrong, just like his mother. What was that?** (Choices: a. He worshiped idols; b. He never went to bed on time; c. He never brushed his teeth.) *1 Kings 14:21-24. He worshiped idols.*
 19. **Because Rehoboam was "too big for his britches" and did not follow God or good advice, most of his kingdom split away and no longer followed him. Also, the king of Egypt attacked him. Why were things no longer going his way?** (Choices: a. He just wasn't cut out to be a king; b. He didn't follow God; c. He dropped out of school and didn't learn the "golden rule.") *1 Kings 14:21-22. He didn't follow God.*
 20. **The other king to take away part of the kingdom was Jeroboam. Did Jeroboam listen to God's advice and follow him or did he follow false idols as well?** *1 Kings 12:28. He followed false idols.*
 21. **Jeroboam made special places of worship for people in his kingdom to go to "his church" and not go to Jerusalem and the temple. So he set up two idols for them to worship. What kind of animals were these golden idols?** (Choices: a. Golden apples; b. Golden calves; c. Golden retrievers.) *1 Kings 12:28. Golden Calves.*

22. **Though God warned him not to worship idols or encourage his people to worship idols, he still did. When the prophet warned him not to do this, Jeroboam told his guards to seize the prophet. But when he pointed at the prophet, something happened to his arm. What was it?** (Choices: a. His arm was paralyzed and shrunk up; b. His arm fell off; c. His arm turned green.) *1 Kings 13:4. His arm was paralyzed and withered.*
23. **Because Jeroboam refused to listen to God's warning, what happened to his kingdom?** (Choices: a. Nothing. He kept it a secret from God; b. His entire family was killed and his kingdom given to someone else; c. He got a terrible disease and his hair and teeth fell out.) *1 Kings 14:12-14, 17. His family was destroyed and his kingdom was given to someone else.*

Large Group Presentation

Gordy is Looking for a Leader

Puppet Presentation Series Review

Props needed: nine 2-liter bottles; ten paper crowns (five of one color and five of another); masking/duct tape to create large Tic-Tac-Toe board on the floor; a crown for Gordy labeled "Gordy, the King."

In advance, make a "Tic-Tac-Toe" pattern on the floor with tape, each square about 12 inches. Place the nine 2-liter pop bottles each in a different square.

The ten paper crowns will be tossed on the bottles when playing the "Tic-Tac-Toe" game. Therefore, five crowns need to be one color and five crowns need to be another.

Note: You will get extra excitement if you have the boys play the girls and all the kids cheer for their side.

Mr. King: Kids, have you enjoyed the game "Lookin' for a Leader?" Fantastic. Let's check on Gordy and see how he's doing. Gordy, are you there?

(Gordy enters wearing a crown.)

Gordy: Hi, Mr. King. Hi, kids.

Mr. King: Gordy, it looks like you are getting into the game. I can see you're even wearing a crown.

Gordy: That's because if you are looking for a leader, someone to be king, well, that should be me.

Mr. King: Why should it be you, Gordy?

Gordy: Well, I'm winning the game and think I know pretty much about being a leader.

Mr. King: You do? Tell me what you know.

Gordy: Well, I know that there are leaders in the Bible that don't pay very close attention to what God wants. Instead they do just what they want. They don't do very well.

Mr. King: That's true. What else?

Gordy: Even the good leaders, like King David, made mistakes but when they turned to God, God forgave them and still blessed them.

Mr. King: Good point. What else did you learn about leaders?

Gordy: Well... I learned the best king would probably be a third grader.

Mr. King: What?!

Gordy: Yeah, a third grader like me. Don't you agree, kids? Come on and give me a handclap, pals, if you want to see a third grader be king.

Mr. King: Wait a minute, Gordy. Why should you be king?

Gordy: Because I could get the most votes. Did you hear all those kids? They would all vote for me, King Gordy!!

Mr. King: Gordy, people don't vote for kings.

Gordy: They don't? They vote for President.

Mr. King: Yes, but they don't vote for kings.

Gordy: How do you get to be king?

Mr. King: You're born into royalty. When God started with David as king, he arranged it that David's son would be king, and then Solomon's son and then Jeroboam's son... and so on.

Gordy: Even when some of those guys were bad kings?

Mr. King: That's true.

Gordy: I still think a third grader could do better.

Mr. King: Maybe so. Let's see how much these kids know about how God is lookin' for a leader. We'll play a game. I'll need four girls and four boys, one from each grade. Let's play the game "Lookin' for a Leader—Tic-Tac-Toe Version."

Refer to appendix: "Lookin' for a Leader—Tic-Tac-Toe Version." Play the game until five minutes before closing.

After the contest, refer to "Gordy is Looking for a Leader," puppet conclusion, to close large group.

Gordy is Looking for a Leader

Puppet Conclusion

- Gordy: That was a cool game, Mr. King. But I still have a question about this king business. Is there a king today that was born from David's family line?
- Mr. King: Yes, there is. But he's not ruling an earthly kingdom; he's ruling the heavenly kingdom.**
- Gordy: Oh, I think I know. It must be Jesus.
- Mr. King: That's right.**
- Gordy: You mean he was born from David's family line?
- Mr. King: He sure was. And there was once a sign placed over him that said "King of the Jews."**
- Gordy: Really? When did that happen?
- Mr. King: When Jesus was hanging on the cross, they placed a sign over him that read "King of the Jews."**
- Gordy: Wow. He didn't look much like a king then...when he was hanging on a cross.
- Mr. King: But that's the kind of king he was. He followed just what God wanted him to do, even if it meant going to the cross. He sacrificed his life for us when he went to the cross. He died for our sins. Many people didn't recognize him as the king, but he was.**
- Gordy: Wow, he really is a pretty amazing king!
- Mr. King: He is. If you're lookin' for a leader, look to Jesus. He can be your king and take away your sin to be your Savior. He is the best king who has ever lived.**
- Gordy: Then maybe I won't run for king after all. I'll just follow the leader that God has for me: King Jesus.
- Mr. King: Great choice, Gordy. If you were really lookin' for a leader, then you found him. Why don't you close us in prayer.**
- Gordy: Dear God, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for helping us look for him. If we're "lookin' for a leader," he's the best. But in the Bible, there were lots of other leaders like the kings. Help us learn from what they did so we don't make the same mistakes, but instead follow you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lookin' for a Leader—Tic-Tac-Toe Version

Directions:

There are three challenges to this game: 1. Answer the question correctly; 2. Toss a crown over a bottle; and 3. Strategically get three in a row.

Rules for Questions: Ask one child from a team at a time. For most questions, the children will know the answer without the multiple-choice options. If a child gets stuck, give him or her a clue by offering the multiple choices. If they miss the question without the multiple choices, then give them another chance with the multiple choices. If after hearing the multiple-choice hint, they still miss, give the other team a chance to answer the question. If the other team gets it correct, they get the chance to toss a crown.

Rules for tossing: If a child tosses a crown and it does not land over a bottle, it can be re-thrown. To make the tossing task even, place two chairs on the opposite sides of the Tic-Tac-Toe grid with their backs facing the grid. Children can kneel on the chair and then lean over the chair back to toss the crown over the pop bottles. Following are the ten questions.

Rules for winning: The game is concluded as soon as one team gets three in a row. Minimize victory gloating by complimenting both teams and perhaps rewarding all with a small candy prize.

Questions

1. **Samuel was dedicated to the Lord as a little boy. He grew up to be a great leader for God. This was because he listened and obeyed whom?** A) His mommy; B) God; C) His puppy dog.
2. **God wanted the people to follow him as their king. He said they didn't need an earthly king. But they said they wanted a person to be their king so they could be like all the other nations around them. God decided to let them have their king even though it would mean trouble for them. Were some of these kings ever bad rulers?** A) Yes; B) No; C) They were good kings but very poor dressers.
3. **Who was the first King of Israel?** A) Saul; B) Noah; C) Bosco, the Clown.
4. **The first King, Saul, disobeyed God. Therefore God chose someone else to be king. This was a shepherd boy named...** A) David; B) Jonathan; C) Mr. Bo Beep.
5. **David showed his trust in the Lord when he went to battle against a giant named Goliath. What weapon did David use?** A) Sling shot and a stone; B) Spear; C) Bazooka.

6. **David made some mistakes when he was king. One time he sinned by stealing another man's wife. There were consequences to his sin, but David turned to God, admitted his sin and asked for forgiveness. What did God do for him?** A) Forgave him even though he still had consequences for his sin; B) Ignored him; C) Turned him into a frog.
7. **David's son, who became king after him, was known as a very wise king. What was his name?** A) Solomon; B) Abraham; C) Bosco the wise guy.
8. **Solomon had the privilege of building a wonderful place for God's worship. This was called what?** A) The temple; B) The tabernacle; C) The circus.
9. **Rehoboam was Solomon's son who was too big for his britches. This meant that he didn't listen to God's advice, or wise leaders. Did all the Israelites in the north want to follow him?** A) No; B) Yes, only if he would take them to the circus.
10. **Jeroboam was the king in the north. He didn't follow God either. Did he and his family line continue to rule for many, many years?** A) No; B) Yes, because they took everyone to the circus.

Game Sheet
