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SMALL GROUP RESOURCE
Big Idea: God wants your heart.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Samuel 8   1 Samuel 10
1 Samuel 13:1-15   1 Samuel 15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1 Samuel 8
Why did the people of Israel want a king?
Why did God give them a king?

1 Samuel 10
Why did God choose Saul?
What does Saul do after he is appointed king?
How do the people respond to Saul?
What does this tell you about God's choice?

1 Samuel 13:1-15
What is the situation in Israel when Saul becomes king?
How effective is Saul as a leader?
Why does God so quickly tell Saul that his son will not be king after him?
What is Saul's great mistake?
What situation are you confronted with where you are tempted to make the same mistake?

1 Samuel 15
What is God's clear instruction to Saul?
What does Saul do?
How does Saul respond when confronted by Samuel?

What does God desire from Saul?   (1 Samuel 15:22,23)
Has God changed, or does He still desire this from us?

What are your burnt offerings and sacrifices?
What does God desire from you?
What is God's greatest desire for a leader of His people?

PRAYER FOCUS:
Praise God for being your King.
Agree with God about your
disobedience of His clear instruction.
Thank God positive examples of how to follow God.
Ask God for specific guidance and an obedient heart.

FAMILY RESOURCE
Big Idea: God wants your heart.

READ 1 SAMUEL 8:10-22
Did Samuel think having a king would be a good idea?
Why did the people want a king?
Make a crown.
Put it on your head and finish this sentence:
"If I were a king...."
Would you be a good king? Why?

READ 1 SAMUEL 9:15-10:1
Did Saul have a good attitude?
Shampoo each other's hair.

READ 1 SAMUEL 10:14-25
Why didn't Saul tell his uncle about becoming a king?
Why did Saul hide?
Mark on the wall how tall you are.

READ 1 SAMUEL 13:1 & 5-14 & 19-20 & 22
Why were the Israelites afraid?
Why did Saul make the offering?
Why wouldn't Saul remain king?
Play "follow the leader".
How long can you play before you want to be the leader?

READ 1 SAMUEL 15:1-3 & 7-26
What did God tell Saul to do?
What did Saul do?
Why was God disappointed in Saul?
What did God really want from Saul?
Write each of the letters of OBEY on a piece of paper.
Write/draw things on the papers that start with that letter.
With all of the distractions, can you still spell "obey"?

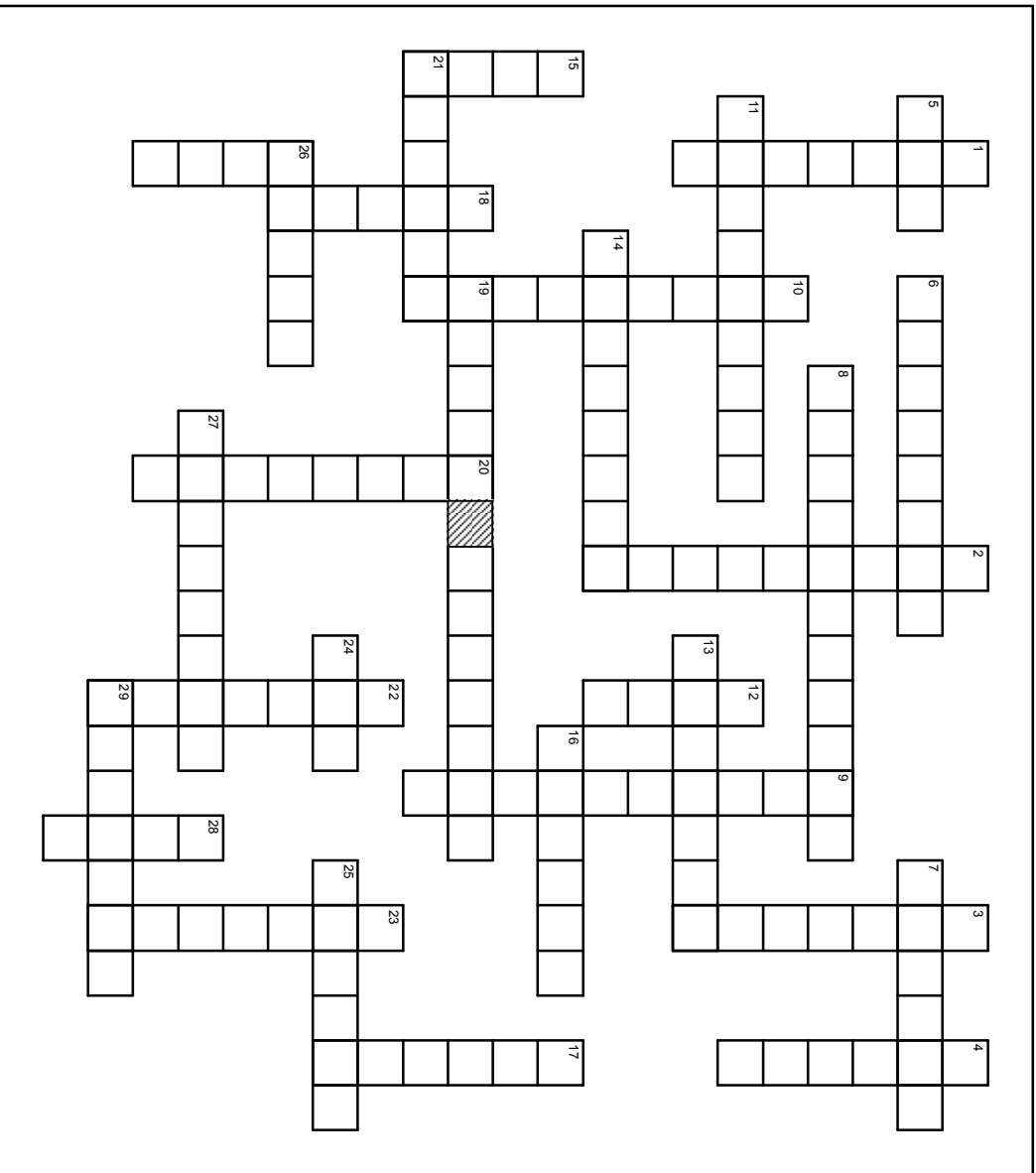Rewrite 1 Samuel 15:22 in your own words.

MEMORY VERSE:
"Whoever _____ __ ____ _____ __;
and ____ _ __, my _____ ____ ____ __.
My _____ ____ _____ ___ ___ ___ _____ __."
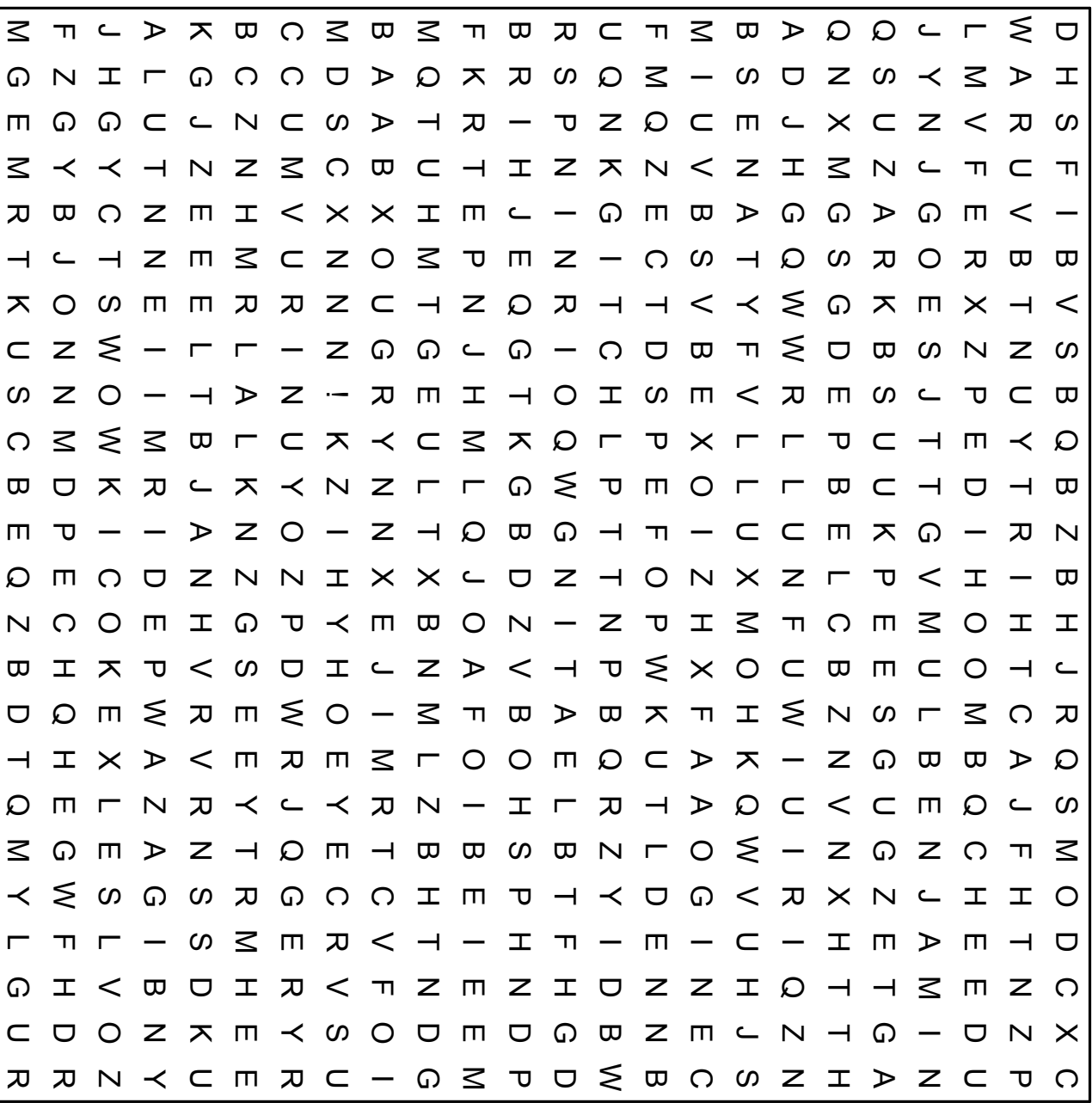John 12:26

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Saul

Across

5. what the Israelites did (1 Samuel 13:6)
6. what Saul set up (1 Samuel 15:12)
7. the sound of cattle (1 Samuel 15:14)
8. Israel's enemies (1 Samuel 13:5)
11. pushed (1 Samuel 13:12)
13. another name for God's people
14. the sound of sheep (1 Samuel 15:14)
16. age that Saul became king (1 Samuel 13:1)
19. who they wanted to be like (1 Samuel 8:20)
21. rule (1 Samuel 9:17)
24. a small word that got Saul in trouble
    (1 Samuel 15:15)
25. he told God's words (1 Samuel 8:10)
26. God wants His leader to have one like His
    (1 Samuel 13:14)
27. Saul was from this tribe (1 Samuel 9:21)
29. God was this (1 Samuel 15:10)

Down

1. what would be taken away from Saul
   (1 Samuel 13:14)
2. Saul and the people were this
   (1 Samuel 15:9)
3. what Saul was looking for (1 Samuel 9:20)
4. you do this with oil (1 Samuel 9:16)
9. what Saul was to destroy (1 Samuel 15:3)
10. disobedience (1 Samuel 15:23)
12. another word for prophet (1 Samuel 9:19)
15. what the people wanted (1 Samuel 8:19)
17. the hunting jump of a cat (1 Samuel 15:19)
18. what kings make people do (1 Samuel
    8:11)
20. God has done this to Saul (1 Samuel
    15:26)
22. shaking (1 Samuel 13:7)
23. Saul hid in this (1 Samuel 10:22)
26. another word for obey (1 Samuel 15:22)
28. this is better than sacrifice (1 Samuel
    15:22)

Saul

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Saul

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