Takehome

Take-Home Assignment: Reflection on 1 Samuel 13

Objective:
To understand the importance of patience and obedience by reflecting on the story of Saul’s impatience in 1 Samuel 13.

Read the Story:
Read 1 Samuel 13 with an adult. Discuss what happens in the story and how King Saul made a mistake by not waiting for the prophet Samuel.

Story Summary:
In 1 Samuel 13, King Saul is waiting for Samuel to come and offer a sacrifice to God before going into battle. When Samuel doesn't arrive on time, Saul becomes impatient and decides to make the offering himself, breaking God's command. When Samuel arrives, he tells Saul that because of this disobedience, Saul's kingdom will not last.

Reflection Questions:
1. What happened when Saul didn’t wait for Samuel?
- Discuss with your family what Saul did wrong and what he should have done instead.

2. Why is it important to follow instructions, even when it’s hard to wait?
- Think about a time when you had to be patient. How did it feel, and what did you learn from it?

3. What are some consequences Saul faced for his actions?
- Talk about how Saul’s decision affected his future as king.

Activities:

1. Patience Practice:
- Choose a simple task that requires waiting, like baking cookies with a family member. Discuss why it’s important to wait for the right time to enjoy them.

2. Obedience Role Play:
- With your family, create a short skit showing a different outcome where Saul waits for Samuel. Perform it and discuss how the story changes.

3. Family Discussion:
- Have each family member share one example of when they showed patience. Discuss how it helped in the situation and why it's important to wait sometimes.

Creative Exercise:
Draw a Scene:
- Draw a picture of Saul waiting for Samuel. Include what he might be thinking or feeling. Share your drawing with your family and explain the story behind it.

Closing Thought:
Remember, being patient and obeying instructions can lead to better outcomes in many situations. Take time this week to notice moments where you can practice patience, and talk about these experiences with your family.