

## Chapters 9, 10

Among the men of the tribe of Benjamin there was a very tall and very handsome man named Saul. Once when he went in search of his father's stray donkeys, he met up with Samuel.

The Lord had told Samuel that he would meet Saul, and that he should be anointed as king.

And so Samuel took some oil and poured it on Saul's head. He told Saul that the Lord had chosen him to be king.

Samuel presented Saul to the people.

The people acclaimed Saul saying "Long live the king!"

Dear Lord, please protect and guide  
all people in authority

## Chapter 11

The people of Jabesh-gilead told Saul that the Ammonites were threatening them.

The spirit of the Lord stirred up Saul and he led the Israelites to a great victory over the Ammonites.

Samuel and all the people then went to Gilgal where Saul was again proclaimed king.

Dear Lord, may your Spirit stir us up to do good things

## Chapter 12

As the elderly Samuel handed over leadership to Saul, he said to all the people:

"In future it is the king who will lead you.