

Ages 7-10: Saul & Samuel Shadowbox

Materials Needed
 copy of *Saul & Samuel Shadowbox* for each child;
 crayons, colored pencils or
 markers; scissors; tape

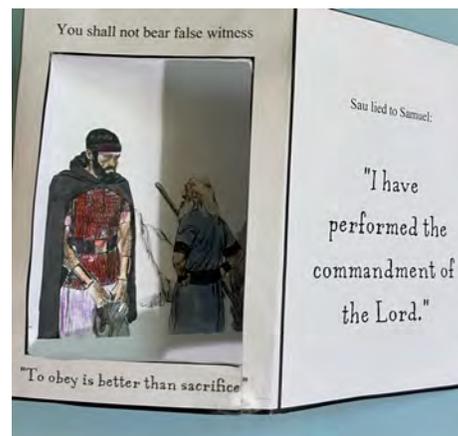
Prepare in Advance
 Print copies of *Saul & Samuel Shadowbox*. If there is
 time, make a sample to show
 the children how the shadowbox works.

New Church Concept Teacher Background

The Lord is constantly forgiving people's sins; but sins cling to people no matter how much they suppose them to have been forgiven. They are not removed except through a life in keeping with the commandments of faith. To the extent that someone's life is in keeping with the commandments, their sins are removed and forgiven. For a person is withheld from evil by the Lord and maintained in good. People can be withheld from evil in the next life to the extent that during their lifetime they resisted evil, and they can be maintained in good to the extent that during their lifetime they were doing good out of an affection for it. See *Arcana Coelestia* 8393

In this project, three pictures depict Saul lying to Samuel, the Lord's presence with Saul, and Samuel hearing the animals. The pictures are assembled into a shadowbox. Gently squeezing the box in different ways allows students to re-tell the story of King Saul lying to Samuel.

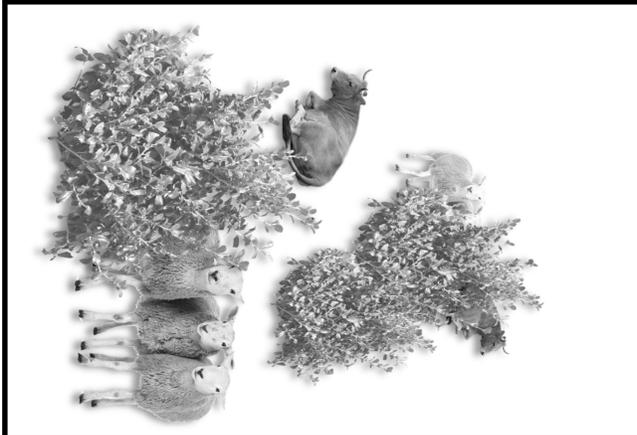
1. We are going to make a shadowbox showing the story of Saul lying to Samuel.
2. Give each child a copy of the *Saul & Samuel Shadowbox*, and assorted crayons, colored pencils or markers. Invite them to add color to the pictures of Samuel and Saul and the Lord.
3. Start to make the shadowbox by folding the page in half lengthwise along the center line with the printed side showing.
4. Using scissors and cutting through both layers of paper, cut out the blank rectangle as shown in the picture to the right. Cut straight in from the edge and around the rectangle to make a window.
5. Tape the edge of the box where you made a cut to access the rectangle.
6. Form the box by folding along the three lines between the pictures with the pictures on the "inside" and the quotations on the outside. Complete the box by taping the two edges together.
7. Gently squeeze the sides of the box so that the picture of Saul lying to Samuel shows through the window. Samuel could hear the animals, but not see them.
8. Squeeze the box the other way to see the animals that Samuel heard!
9. Holding the box squarely shows the Lord in the center. He is there, no matter what we are doing. He sees everything and knows what is in our hearts.
10. Eventually, Saul repented for what he had done. The Lord wants us to see our mistakes so that we can say we are sorry, too. This is how He brings us into heaven.





Samuel knew Saul lied:

“What then is
this bleating in
my ears?”



Saul lied to Samuel:

“I have
performed the
commandment of
the Lord.”

You shall not bear false witness



Cut out window.

“To obey is better than sacrifice”