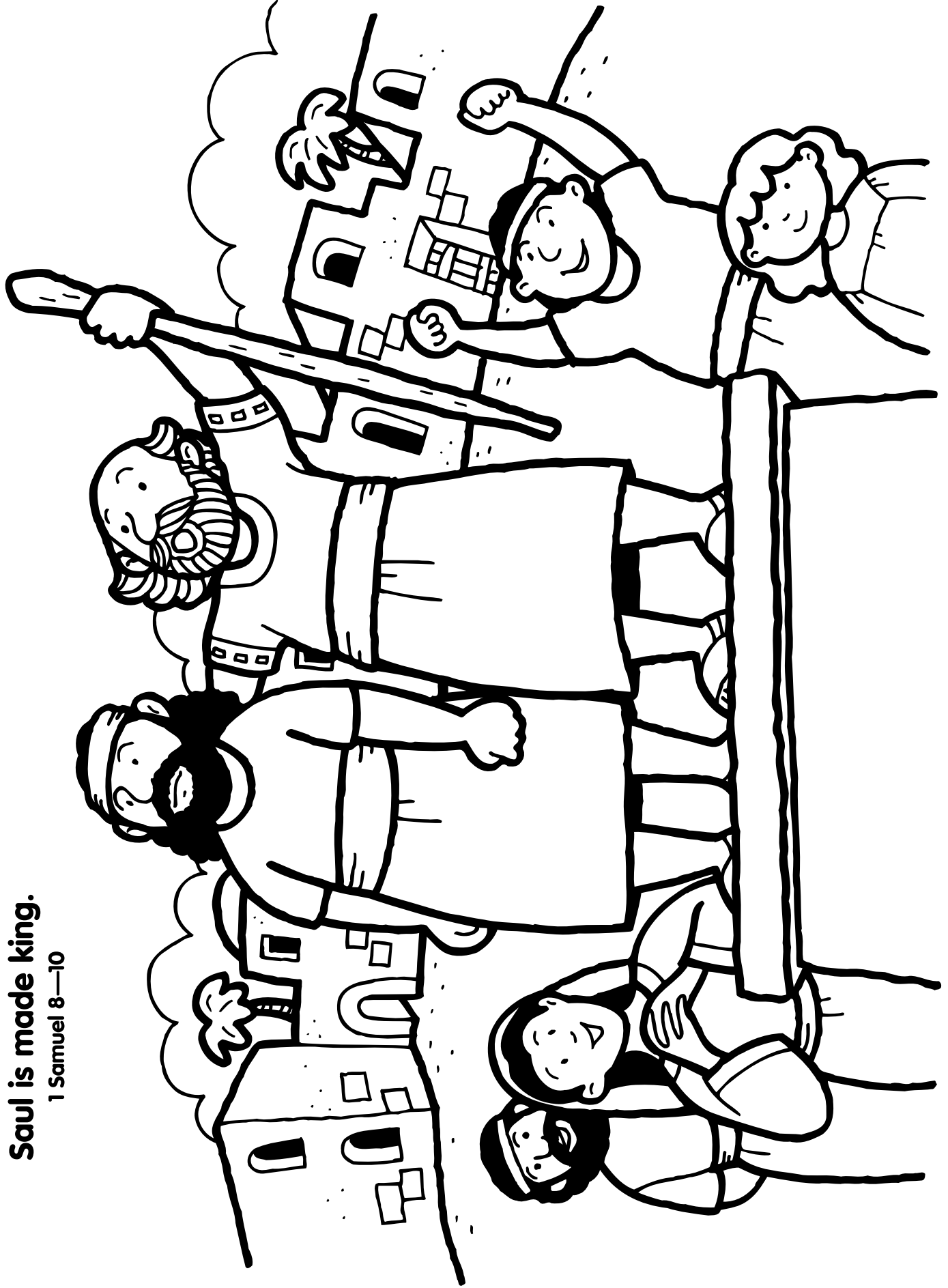


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Samuel had been the leader of God's people for a long time. But now Samuel was old. The people told Samuel, "Find a king for us!"

Samuel was sad. He knew that God was the king of Israel! God told Samuel, "Tell them a king will make them his servants. He will take their land and their animals." Samuel told the people God's warning, but the people wanted a king anyway. So God told Samuel He would give them a king.

About that time, a young man named Saul was looking for his father's lost donkeys. He and his

helper went to talk to Samuel. When Saul walked toward Samuel, God said, "Here's the man I have chosen to be king." Samuel invited Saul and his helper to a special dinner. The next day Samuel poured a little olive oil on Saul's head to show God had chosen him. He said, "God has chosen you to lead His people."

Later, Samuel called all of Israel together. He brought Saul to the front. Samuel said, "Here is the king God has chosen." The people cheered, "Long live the king!"