



Florida Center for Peace

January 2020 Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

We are starting a new year with our hearts full of love for the graces received in the past year. Let us promise to grow in prayer in our families and in our prayer groups.

Special feast days of the month follow:

January 1: Solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios January 3: El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús January 4: San Elizabeth Ann Seton January 5: Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor January 12: Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor January 17: San Antonio de Egipto, abad January 25: Fiesta de la Conversión de San Pablo January 27: San Enrique de Ossó y Cervelló January 31: San Juan Bosco

Materials and activities included this month:

Calendar for the month Meditations and activities for the Sunday Gospels Solemnity of Holy Mary Mother of God, activity Life of St. Henry of Osso, coloring Liturgical Year, activity Old Testament Story, Samuel

January 27, we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron Saint St. Henry of Ossó. We encourage you to do something special to help the children know St. Henry.

May God Bless You Always, Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Solemnity In the Catholic Church, a solemnity is the most elevated rank of liturgical celebrations, to commemorate an act of most importance for the faith.	[Memorial] A day of remembrance or commemoration of a saint(s). [Optional] An optional or commemoration of saint(s).	[Feast] An anual religious celebration.	1 Solemnity of Holy Mary Mother of God	2 Memorial St. Basilio Magno, Bishop & doctor St. Gregory Nacianceno, Bishop & doctor	3 Optional The Holiest Name of Jesus	4 Optional St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	13	14	15	16	17 Memorial St. Anthony of Egypt, abbot	18
19 II Sunday of Ordinary Time	20	21 Memorial St. Agnes, virgin y martyr	22	23	24 Memorial St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor	25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
26 III Sunday of Ordinary Time Memorial St. Timothy and St. Titus, bishops	27 Optcional St. Henry of Ossó y Cervelló Patron Saint of Friends of Jesus and Mary	28 Memorial St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor	29	30	31 Memorial St. John Bosco	



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Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered us in time.

Prayer For The New Yea

We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be a more fruitful one.

We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path.

Read the full prayer @ christianstt.com





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Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, January 5, 2020 Isaiah 60: 1-6: Psalm 71: Ephesians 3. 2-3a.5-6: Mathew 2. 1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Reflection

Imagine the journey by camel through the mountains, the valleys and the desert. What dangers and difficulties did they have? Why did they continue despite the difficulties? How did they know the Savior would be born? (They knew the prophesy; they saw the extraordinary star and felt called to follow it.) Were the Magi Jewish? (No. They came from other countries, but they believed in God and had faith.) How did they feel when they arrived at the stable? (Possibly surprised that the King did not live in a castle; they were full of joy being in the presence of God.) What presents did they bring? (Gold, incense, and myrrh) Why? (Gold is given to kings and Jesus is King of the universe; incense is given to God and Jesus is the Son of God become man; myrrh was used to anoint chosen men and Jesus? (The Church, the Gospel, the Virgin Mary, prayer, our guardian angel, the saints, our parents or grandparents...) Are you willing to follow Jesus despite the difficulties?



might you have? (Distractions, laziness, people that don't believe and make fun of you...) What gift does Jesus want the most from us?

Activity

On the following page, copy, cut, and color the stars and baby Jesus. Glue baby Jesus to the bottom of a black board or paper and the stars above Him. Game: hide 8 different stars per child and 1 baby Jesus. The one who finds the 8 stars and baby Jesus first, wins.

Prayer

Jesus, you are the light of the world. Sometimes we get lost because we become interested in things that separate us from you. Give us your light so we may follow you always. Amen.

Song: O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christmas Songs & Carols \ <u>https://youtu.be/1tM5pwvUGMI</u>









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Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, January 12, 2020 Isaiah 42,1-4.6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10, 34-38; Mathew 3, 13-17 The Baptism of Jesus

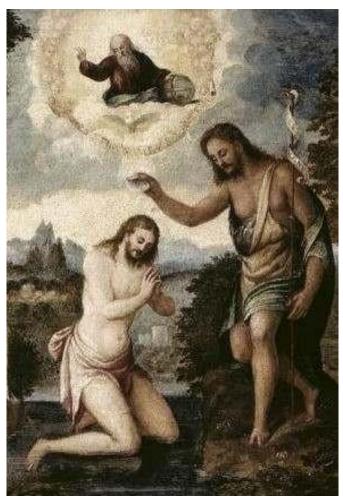
Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Reflection

Why does John not want to baptize Jesus? (He knows Jesus is the Savior who is sinless; and he himself is a poor sinner not worthy to baptize Him. John baptized persons who wanted forgiveness for their sins. Jesus tells him it is necessary to carry out God's plan.) What does God ask of us? Do we always try to carry out God's requests? Here, Jesus was taking on all of our sins so He could redeem us. What happened after John baptized Jesus? (The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended; the voice of God was heard...) We see the complete Trinity accepting the mission to save us from our sins. Soon after, Jesus began His mission of telling the world of God's love and forgiveness. When we are baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit and we are called to take God's message of loveand salvation to the world. How can we take this message to the world?

Activity

Color the baptism of Jesus and talk about the presence of the Trinity and its mission. Cut the puzzle including the marked lines inside. Color and then put back together. Explain the symbols of the Sacrament of Baptism. Givethem a paper so they can write how they can take Jesus' message of love to the world and take the papers to the altar and say the following prayer.



Prayer

My Jesus, thanking you for teaching me to love when you gave your life to save me. Help me to love as you love helping those in need and always forgiving. Today I want to love...Amen.

Song: Love One Another, Dakota Pyle / https://youtu.be/LYlkcoAfLU4





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Puzzle of the Sacrament of Baptism

(Cut the square with the puzzle, then cut along the marked lines)



BAPTISM IS A SACRAMENT: Effective signs of God's grace, instituted by Christ and confided to the Church whereby divine life is dispensed. We receive forgiveness for original sin and become part of God's family.

IN BAPTISM WE RECEIVE SANCTIFYING GRACE: It is a supernatural gift that God gives us through the sacraments to help us reach eternal life.

SYMBOLS OF BAPTISM: Water: God washes our soul of original sin. **Oil:** God sends the gift of the Holy Spirit over us. **Sign of the Cross:** Signifies the redeeming grace that Christ obtained for us on the cross. **White clothing:** The baptized is purified and is "is clothed with Jesus". **Pascal light:** Christ enlightens the baptized who becomes light for others. **The Words:** "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.





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II Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 19, 2020 Isaiah 49,3.1-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians, 1, 1-3; John 1, 29-34 He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Reflection

Why does John call Jesus "the Lamb of God"? Inthose days, it was accustomed that a lamb wassacrificed and offered to God for forgiveness of sins or out of friendship or thanksgiving. Now Jesus is the Lamb of God, because God sends Him to sacrifice himself for us on the cross and thus obtain forgiveness for our sins and salvation. What is Baptism? It is a sacrament by which we are made children of God and members of the Church and we receive GRACE (A gift from God to help us grow in holiness). How did John baptize? He baptized with water. How does Jesus baptize? He baptizes with the Holy Spirit. What does it mean "to baptize with the Holy Spirit"? We receive the strength from God to destroy sin and



become like Jesus. When we receive the sacrament of Baptism, we receive this strength that comes from above. **What commitments do we receive when we are baptized?** Jesus wants us to be another Jesus on earth, to give testimony to this when we talk, act, think... and to stay united to Him through prayer, mass, and by helping others.

Activity

Complete activity on the following page about what is Baptism. The day of your Baptism is very special because you were born to life in Christ. Research the day and place you were baptized and who are your baptismal godparents. Write this information on the page herein included.

Prayer

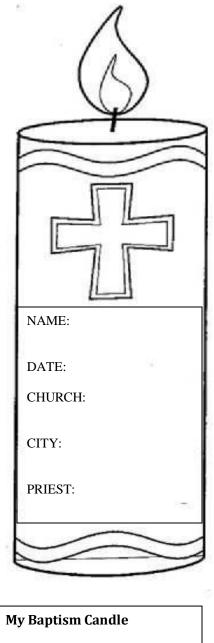
Father God, your hands made me and formed me; may I never ruin the work that you have realized. Clean even the smallest stains on my soul so it appears whiter than the snow in your eyes. Amén.

Song: Change my Heart O God, Noel De Vera/ <u>https://youtu.be/ygoEXhxFH-k</u>





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Decorate the Candle on this page. **Write** your name, the date of your Baptism, the church in which you were baptized, and the city. **Cut** out your candle. Put it in a special place at home where it will remind at home that you belong to the Christian community.

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BAPTISM

You became a member of God's family when you were baptized. You received a candle on that day. The priest called you a child of the light.

Write the paragraph number next to the picture it describes.

1. Your family brought you to the church. You become a member of God's family at your baptism.

2. The celebrant called you by name. He said, "

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

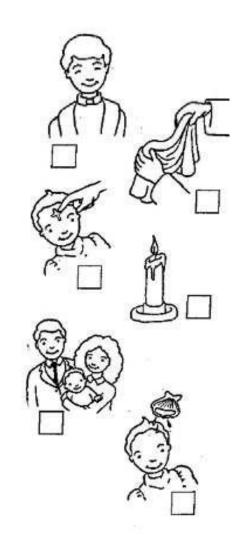
3. While he said this, the celebrant poured water over your head three times. Water is a sign of your new life in God's family.

4. The celebrant drew a cross on your forehead with oil. The oil is a sign that you are chosen by God.

5. The celebrant gave you a white garment. It is a sign that you belong to God's family.

6. A candle was lit for you. The candle is a sign of God's love that shines through you.









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II Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26, 2020

Isaiah 8, 23b-9, 3; Psalm 26; 1Corinthians 1, 10-13. 17; Mathew 4, 12-17

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Reflection

Why did Jesus move to

Capernaum? (He moved to fulfill Isaiah's prophesy. Jesus knew the scriptures that His father had inspired, and He wanted to fulfill His mission as written by God and thereby give Him glory.) What does Isaiah's prophesy, "Galilee of the Gentiles...the people who sit in darkness"? (Pagans do not believe in God and therefore do not have the light of His love in their hearts.) What does the prophesy, "have seen a great light" mean?



(Jesus is the light and those that receive His message of Love see His light.) **How is Jesus light for us?** (Light helps us to see the road and Jesus shows us the way by giving us the best example of how to love so we may get to Heaven. Light also gives us warmth and Jesus' love warms our hearts giving us happiness to share with those around us.) **Why does Jesus say: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"?** (To convert means to change your heart and your life leaving behind anything that separates you from God. Jesus is the King and His followers form part of His Kingdom. Jesus wants everyone to share in His Kingdom and He knew they had to convert and follow Him.)

Activity

On the following page, follow the lines that lead to the actions that will lead others to follow Jesus then color the flame. Share how we can be Jesus' light to others in the world.

Prayer

Baby Jesus, I thank you for bringing your light into the world. Help me to follow you always and to be a light to attract souls to your Kingdom. Help me to always give glory to God. I love you. Amen.

Song: This Little Light of Mine, Listener Kids / <u>https://youtu.be/cKkbIZtqhyQ</u>



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The Light of the World

Follow the lines to discover which are the actions that should bring light to others. Once discovered, light by coloring the flame.

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"You are the light of the world... In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

RESPECT

SELFISHNESS

HAPPINESS

Mathew 5: 14.16

PATIENCE

AFFECTION

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SOLIDARITY

HUMILITY



Activity: Fold landscape page (8.5"x14") in 3 and cut a design on top. Cut color and glue picture below in the center panel and the poem on the right panel. Have the children write a letter to Mary and glue on the left.

SOLEMNITY OF HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD



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HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD January 1st

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your Baby Boy has come to make you new? This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will calm the storm with His hand? Did you know that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod? When you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face

> Mary did you know. The blind will see. The deaf will hear. The dead will live again. The lame will leap. The dumb will speak The praises of The Lamb.

of God?

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations? Did you know that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb? The sleeping Child you're holding is the Great, I Am.

(by Mark Lowry)





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ST. HENRY DE OSSO AND CERBELLO, Feast January 27

"Today and always, all for Jesus."

Henry was born in Vinebre, in the province of Tarragona, Spain, October 16, 1840 to Micaela Cervelló and Jaime de Ossó. He was the youngest of three children: Jaime, Dolores, and himself. His grandfather had always told him stories of the saints. Once his uncle took him to Zaragoza to see the Virgen of Pilar because of a promise he had made her if he was cured of an illness. Henry grew to love God and Mary very much. His mother wanted him to be a priest and his father wanted him to be a businessman. Henry always wanted to be a teacher. His father sent him to his uncle's house in Reus to learn his business. While he was in Reus, on September 15, 1854, his mother died. He remembered his mother's wish and wrote a letter to his father explaining his desire to enter the priesthood. He escaped to Monserrat to pray to the Virgen Mary and to go to Confession. He ran into a beggar exchanging clothing with him. His brother, Jaime, went looking for him and barely recognized him. Jaime promised to help convince his father to let him become a priest. At 14 years old, Henry entered the seminary and was ordained a priest September 21, 1867. He celebrated his first mass in Monserrat with his father, siblings, uncles and all his family present. He was an apostle for children and youth showing them their faith and inspiring movements to teach the Gospel. For children he formed groups, Friends of Jesus, so they could be "Other Jesus' on earth". He was fascinated by St. Theresa of Jesus, the great teacher of prayer and Daughter of the Church better known as St. Theresa of Avila. Considering her teachings, he founded the Company of St. Theresa (1876) dedicated to educating women on the Gospel and following her example. He dedicated himself to preaching and printing the Gospel. He suffered many trials. He died in Gilet, Valencia, Spain on January 27, 1896. He was canonized July 16, 1993 in Madrid by Pope John Paul II.

> "Don't let me leave this world, my Jesus, without having loved you and made you known and loved to the best of my ability"

"Let it be our principle care at the beginning of a new year, to have purity of intention in all our works."



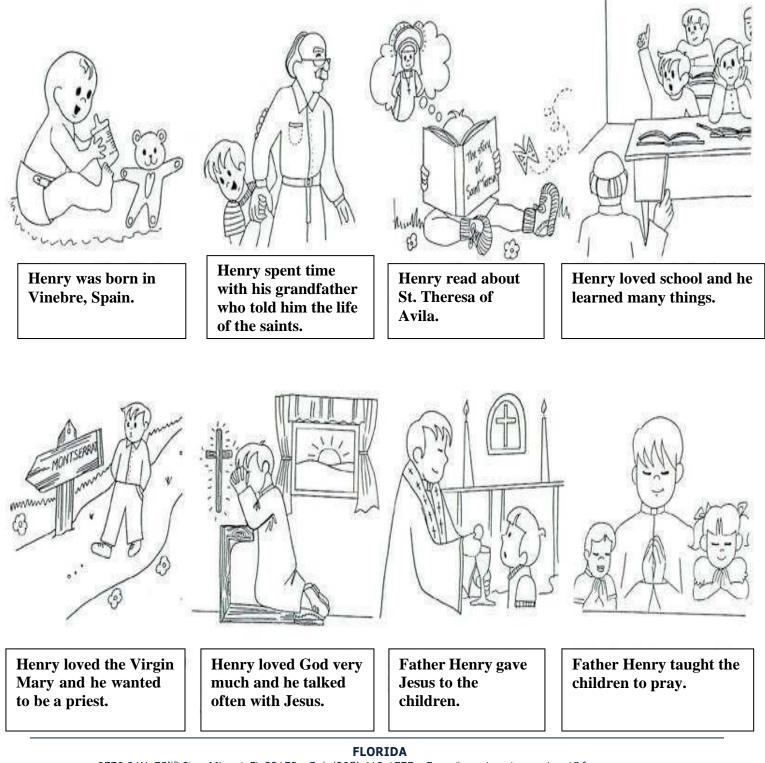
"Try to live in such a way that you help others live according to the Gospel of Jesus."





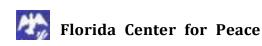
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The Liturgical Year February January Ordinary Time 6 - 8 weeks Christmas Time 2 weeks advent heets 6 weeks the King We Celebrate Easter Time the Life, 8 weeks Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Dentecost September **Ordinary Time** 23 - 26 weeks August hally

ALL THE YEAR FOR JESUS

- Advent: Jesus comes.
- **Christmas:** Jesus is born.
- Lent: Jesus will die and resurrect.
- Holy Week: Jesus dies.
- Easter: Jesus resurrects.
- Ordinary Time: Jesus teaches us.

Liturgical Colors

Purple-Penance & Preparation. Advent and Lent.
Pink-Anticipation. 3rd Sunday of Advent and 2 weeks before Easter.
White/Gold-joy & purity. Christmas, Easter, Feasts of Mary & saints not martyred.
Green-Hope, Growth. Ordinary Time.
Red-Sacrifice. Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Apostles and Martyrs.

Instructions

- Print, cut, and color.
- Attach arrow with paper fastener.
- Explain with few words the liturgical year. (left)
- Take turns spinning the arrow. Have child explain with few words what happens in this season.

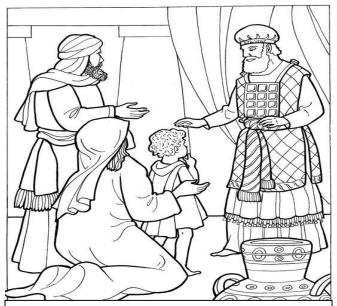
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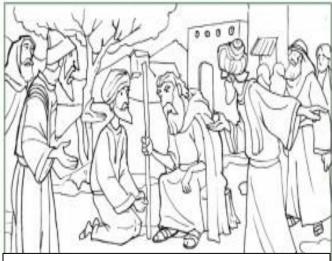


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HISTORIA DEL ANTIGUO TESTAMENTO - HISTORIA DE SAMUEL



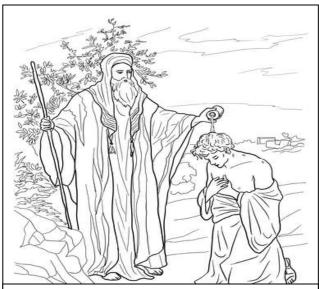
Ana could not have children and promised God that, if He sent her a child, she would dedicate him to God in service at the temple. Samuel was born and she fulfilled her promise.



God tells Samuel that His people will have to suffer because of their sins, but if they ask forgiveness and change, peace would return they did. The people ask Samuel to name a King to rule over them. Samuel reminds them that God is the King of kings.



One night, Samuel heard a voice that called, "Samuel, Samuel". He went to High Priest Heli who realized that it was God and told him to answer, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel became a judge and prophet for God.



God permits him to name a king. Samuel sees Saul on the road and God shows him that he is to be king. Samuel anoints him king with sacred oil and Samuel retires as the last judge of God's people.