

*Biblical Drama based on 1 Samuel 28:3-19**Character Parts: Narrators 1-5, Servant, Saul, Medium, Samuel*

Narrator 1: King Saul wasn't a very good king. In the beginning, he used to obey God. But over time, he stopped listening. That's when things started going badly.

Servant: Your Majesty! I have come to report that the Philistines are attacking. They have assembled their army at Shunem.

Saul: Come, let us bring our army to face them at Gilboa. Gather together the fighters!

Narrator 2: King Saul was afraid of the Philistine army; he didn't know what to do. In the old days, Saul depended upon the prophet Samuel to guide him. But when the prophet Samuel died, there was no one left to give advice to King Saul.

Saul: What am I going to do? I've tried to pray to God, but God doesn't answer me. Samuel used to do all my praying for me, but now he's gone. What should I do?

Servant: Samuel was a wise servant of God, and he spoke God's Word. But now he's dead; you can't go to him for advice.

Saul: But what if I could? Aren't there mediums who claim to contact those who have died? Find me a woman who can talk to the spirits of the dead. I'll go to her and find out what's going to happen.

Servant: But, sir, you know that's wrong. God would never want us to practice witchcraft. That's evil.

Saul: I'm not worried about good and evil anymore! Just do what I ask!

Servant: There's a medium at En-dor who can talk to the spirits of the dead. Let go and talk to her!

Narrator 3: Saul knew what he was doing was wrong. So he put on different clothing so nobody would recognize him. He went to the woman in secret.

Medium: Welcome, stranger. What do you want?

Saul: Can you call up a ghost for me to speak with?

Medium: Well, I could, but you know it's against the law! King Saul got rid of the mediums like me.

Saul: I swear by the living LORD that nothing will happen to you. I can assure you, you will not get in trouble with King Saul.

Medium: Fine, then. Who do you want me to bring up?

Saul: Bring up the ghost of Samuel the prophet.

Medium: Very well. (*waving her hands*) Oogah, boogah — spirits, I command you!

Narrator 4: Just then, a spirit started rising up out of the ground. When the woman saw the ghost of Samuel, she screamed.

Saul: Don't be afraid. Just tell me what you see.

Medium: I see a spirit rising up out of the ground. He looks like an old man wearing a robe.

Narrator 5: Saul knew it was Samuel, so he bowed down low. But the spirit of Samuel was angry.

Samuel: Why are you bothering me by bringing me up like this?

Saul: I had to. The Philistines are about to attack me. God has turned his back on me and won't answer any more by prophets or by dreams. You must tell me, Samuel. What should I do?

Samuel: No wonder God has turned against you and taken away your kingdom. You disobey him at every turn! I tell you, God has had enough. This is the worst thing you have done!

So here is what will happen: The LORD will let the Philistines defeat Israel's army. Not only will you lose the battle tomorrow, but you and your sons will join me in the place of the dead!