



If a man had many oxen, he was rich. Have you noticed that sometimes men and women want very, very much to be rich? Sometimes they want to be rich so badly, they do very wrong things.

One time King Saul wanted some oxen very much. He wanted the oxen so badly that he disobeyed God.

Saul went to fight against the Amalakites. Saul won the battle. God had told Saul to kill all of the animals. But Saul did not obey. He saved the best of the oxen and the best of the sheep and lambs.

Samuel knew what Saul had done. Samuel came to see Saul. Samuel could hear the "moo-ing" of the oxen and the "ba-a-a-ing" of the sheep.

Saul tried to explain. Saul tried to make excuses.

But Samuel said that to obey God is more important than anything else. Obeying God is more important than having oxen or sheep.

TURN CARD OVER

Do you believe that obeying God is more important than anything else?

Is it more important than -

Having some candy you see in the store?

Winning in a game?

Having your own way in a disagreement?