
Application Guide: 2 Samuel 2

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Do you know what a Ouija Board is? What do you know about how it works and what it does?

- b. Do you know what the Thummim and Urim are? What do you know about how they work and what they are for?

- c. What is the difference between Ouija Boards and the Thummim and Urim?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

Have you ever wished you could ask God a question and He would answer in a voice as clear as your mom or dad's? In David's time they had something called the Urim and Thummim—funny names—right?

The Urim and Thummim were special stones mounted on the High Priests breast-plate. This breast-plate was a kind of covering that fit over the High Priest's chest and was used in ceremonies and for asking God questions. It was made of gold and had jewels representing each of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Urim and Thummim were the way God would answer simple questions—one would light up when the answer was "yes" and the other would light when the answer was "no."

Why do you think God no longer use theses special "yes" and "no" stones to communicate with church leaders today? Do you think it would be an easier way to get answers from God?

If God did still communicate with people that way—what kind of questions would you like to ask?

How does God answer questions like this today?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

- a. Have a conversation with an adult that you know and trust. Ask them what kind of questions God has answered for them and ask specifically how they knew the answers were from God.

- b. Make a commitment to spend more time reading your Bible each day so that you can become familiar with the kinds of questions God typically answered in the Bible times and why you think He answered them the way He did.

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

Pray and ask Jesus to help you focus your prayers on the requests that we know God wants to answer with a “yes.” Requests like:

- a. Please help me to remember to spend time with you every day.
- b. Please help me to have peace in my heart.
- c. Please help me to be used by You to help others