

# GOD CHOSE A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART TO BE KING

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13



## The STORY

Read the story of Samuel anointing David king from the ESV Bible (1 Samuel 16:1-13).

***Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (God sent Samuel to anoint a new man as king. The man was to come from the house of Jesse who lived in Bethlehem.)
- What were the special instructions God gave Samuel? (The Lord told Samuel not to look at his outward appearance. Instead the Lord would judge by the heart.)
- What was David doing when Samuel came to look for the new king? (David was serving his father and brothers by tending sheep in the field.)

## CRAFT QUESTIONS

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Samuel pouring oil on David's head. Engage the children by asking:**

- What is Samuel doing? (He is anointing David as king.)
- What is he pouring on his head? (Oil)
- Why is he doing this? (God told Samuel to anoint David to show the man God wanted to become king.)

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack engage the children by asking:

- Does anyone remember what kind of man God first told Samuel he was going to look for? (God told Samuel he was going to choose a man "after his own heart.")
- What does it mean to be a man after God's own heart? (A man after God's own heart wants to do what God wants to do, not what he wants to do.)

### WHERE IS JESUS?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

God did not choose David because of his outward appearance, but because he had a heart for God. David was a handsome young boy, but not tall in stature.

Isaiah tells us of another king who had "no majesty to attract us to him, nothing in appearance that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2b). The choice of David points to the choice of this other king, King Jesus. Jesus would have a perfect heart and die on the cross so that He could extend to us His righteousness.

Through Christ, God takes our heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh. Then God does something truly remarkable, He moves us to obey Him by His Spirit (Ezekiel 36:27).

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

