



# HUNT FOR THE PROMISED KING

FINDING JESUS IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

**Date** December 17, 2025

**Trail Marker Passage** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Truth From the Trail**

Jesus saves and He is our forever King.

**Trail Takeaway** I can celebrate Jesus because He is my Savior and forever King.

## Trail Stop Recap

The Israelites had asked for an earthly king, and God gave them Saul. However, Saul sinned against the Lord, and now God would choose a new king. God sent Samuel to the town of Bethlehem, to the home of a man named Jesse who had eight sons. One of them would become the next king of Israel.

When Samuel arrived in Bethlehem, he invited Jesse and his sons to a sacrifice and a feast. Jesse and his sons came, and Samuel began to look at each of them. But God told Samuel not to look at their outward appearance, because God doesn't focus on what people look like—He looks at the heart. One by one, each son passed before Samuel, but God had not chosen any of them.

Samuel asked Jesse if he had any other sons. Jesse then sent for his youngest son, David, who was out in the field caring for the sheep. When David arrived, God told Samuel to anoint him, because David was the one He had chosen to be Israel's next king. Like Saul, David would not reign forever, but one day Jesus would come from David's family line, and His kingdom would never end.

## Continuing on the Trail at Home

As your family is preparing for Christmas, read this story from a Bible or children's Bible. God didn't choose David to be the next king because he was strong and mighty. He chose David to be the next king because David loved the Lord. God didn't care about David's appearance, He cared about David's heart. What does it mean to have a heart for the Lord? What are some things we might see in someone that could tell us they have a heart for the Lord?

## Memory Verse on the Trail

"And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."

1 John 4:14

## Trail Guide Note to Parents

We are so thankful to have your child at Impact Kids! This year we will learn how God's power is on display in His creation that's all around us. We hope to see you and your family on Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am.

**We will not have Impact Kids on  
Wednesday, December 24th and 31st.**

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