

GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING



Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 16

Date: 7/20/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

God Is...

KIND

Schedule

- **Welcome/Arrival.....10:45-10:55**
- **Story Station (LG2).....11:00-11:20**
- **Project Station (Classroom).....11:25-11:45**
- **Game Station (LG1).....11:50-12:10**
- **Back to Classroom:.....12:15**
 - **Dismissal**

Notes and Reminders

When preparing for this week, take some time to read 1 Samuel 16. Which characteristics of God do you notice? How do you see God acting in Kindness specifically?



SUMMER SUNDAYS 2025

OUTLINE



Welcome and Arrival

10:45-10:55

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Choose one or several of the following activities to organize as the children arrive.

Round up the Sheep

- Use painter's tape to create several squares on the floor to represent "sheep pens." Spread ping pong balls on the floor throughout the room to represent "sheep." Invite children to round up the sheep and place them in the sheep pens on the floor. Play several rounds, adding various challenges such as seeing how fast the sheep can be moved to the pens, assigning one child to try to move sheep out of the pens while others put them in the pens, and so forth.
- SAY God chose David to be king. David was a shepherd. He took care of his family's sheep. When Samuel met Jesse's sons to determine who would be the next king, David was working in the fields. He was not the strongest, the biggest, or the oldest, but God chose David to be king. David was a surprising choice to be king, but God saw David's heart. Jesus seemed like a surprising choice for a king, but Jesus is the perfect King.

Choose the King

- Lead children to sit in a circle. Invite children to close their eyes and hold out their hands. Quietly move around the circle, and place the crown in a child's hand. Instruct everyone to close their hands and open their eyes. Choose one child to guess who has the crown. Invite him or her to guess until she chooses the child with the crown. Replay activity as time and interest allows.
- SAY Just like Samuel could not pick out who God had chosen as king just by looking at Jesse's sons, we did not know who was chosen as king as we played our game. God chose David to be king. God did not choose David because of what he looked like. David was not perfect, but God chose David because of his heart. Jesus is our perfect King, and He rules over the world.





Play “Guess Who”

- Gather children to sit in a circle on the floor or around a table. Begin the game by describing a child in the room without saying his or her name. You may use colors to describe what the child is wearing or tell a fact you know about the child. Invite children to raise their hands to guess who fits the description. Continue to play until each child is described.
- **SAY** In today’s Bible story, we learned that God planned for Israel to have a new king. God sent Samuel to meet Jesse, the father of eight sons. Samuel had to figure out which of the sons would be the next king. God chose David to be king. It was God’s perfect plan. God had an even bigger plan when He sent Jesus to be the Savior and King of the world.

Story Station (Large Group 2).....11:00–11:20

Project Station (Classroom)

11:25–11:45

Create a Crown

Distribute the tissue papers, stamp pads, and cotton swabs. Invite children to press the cotton swabs into the stamp pads and dot the ink onto the tissue paper to create a colorful mosaic. After everyone has finished stamping, collect the stamp pads and distribute the crown cutouts and glue sticks. Guide children to glue around the crown shape and attach their tissue paper to make a window cling.

SAY This crown is beautiful! Which colors do you like most? Our big picture question asks, **Who is our King?** Jesus is our King, and He rules over the world. God is over all things and knows all things. David was chosen to be Israel’s king. He ruled over God’s people, but Jesus rules over everything.





Discuss what the children learned during the Bible Story today. Use the main Takeaways as a guide to your discussion.

- God is Kind – He looks at our hearts – for better or for worse! – and loves us even in our weakness.
- God cares more about our hearts than our outward appearance.
- God's plans are better than ours!
- God wants us to join Him in the work He is doing.
- We can do this through the power of the Holy Spirit and by listening and obeying His Word.

Sample Questions:

- How do we know that God cared about David's heart?
- How have you felt God's kindness and love?
- How can we join God's work?

Game Station (Large Group 1).....11:50-12:10

Back to Classroom.....12:15

Dismissal!