

GOOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING



Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 16

Date: 6/20/25

Age: 2's/3's

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7b

**God Is...
Kind**

Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15**
- **Bible Story.....9:15-9:30**
- **Craft/Coloring Page;.....9:30-9:45**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:45-10:00**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....10:00-10:15**
- **Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:45**

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



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the 3 activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in all 3 activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate

Decorate a Letter

- Place crayons and poster-board with the letter "G" on the table together. Encourage each child to help to decorate the letter "G" with the crayons. Each week the children will decorate another letter to spell the word "GRACE." When each child has helped to decorate the letter, tape it nicely to the window or wall in your classroom. Make sure there is space for 4 more letters to be added to the mural.
- Say: I am so glad you are at church today. We are learning about the word grace. Grace is God's love we do not deserve. It is God's way of being kind to us. We are decorating the letter G. G is the first letter in the word grace. We will hear a Bible story today about how God chose David to be king. God showed grace to David.

Sort by Outward Appearance

- Place all the people figures on one table. Encourage the children to sort them by what they see. Categories may include color, item, size, shape, etc. After the kids have sorted by one attribute, encourage them to sort the items again using a different attribute.
- Say: You sorted all these people by what they looked like on the outside. In our story today, God chose David to be king by what he was like on the inside, not what he looked like on the outside.

Find the Hidden Sheep

- Direct the children to sit at the tables and close their eyes or place their heads on the table. Quickly hide the cotton balls in plain sight so the children can find them. When the children open their eyes they may each find one sheep (cotton ball). Tell the children the cotton balls represent sheep. As soon as they find one cotton ball they should say, "baaaa".
- Say: David was a shepherd before he was king. Shepherds keep sheep safe and find them if they are missing. You found a missing sheep today, too. David was watching his father's sheep and Samuel came looking for a king. People were surprised that God chose David to be Israel's next king. Would you be surprised to know the king used to be a shepherd? What type of person do you think should be king? God said how a person looks is not the most important thing about him. God sees what people think and feel.





Clean Up and Gather for Story

9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story

9:15-9:30

Count to Eight

- Encourage the children to count to eight with you several times as you gather for group time. Vary the ways you count to keep the children's interest, including counting quickly, slowly, and in a very loud or quiet voice.
- Say: Thank you for counting with me. In our story today, we will learn about a man named Jesse. Jesse had eight sons. One of his sons was chosen as king.

Tell the Bible Story using the provided pictures

- Saul was not going to be king of Israel anymore. He had disobeyed God. Now it was time for Israel to have a new king. God told Samuel to visit a man named Jesse. Jesse had eight sons, and one of Jesse's sons would be the next king. Samuel went to meet with Jesse and his sons. Jesse's oldest son was tall and handsome. This must be the one God chose to be king, Samuel thought. But God said, "Samuel, he is not the one. What he looks like is not the most important thing about him. I see what he thinks and feels." So Samuel met another son and then another. But God had not chosen any of them. "Do you have any more sons?" Samuel asked. Jesse said, "Yes, my youngest son, David, is in the field taking care of the sheep." Jesse sent for David. When David arrived, God told Samuel, "He is the one!" Samuel poured oil on David's head to show that God had chosen David to be the next king. Then Samuel went home. Saul did not feel well. Hearing beautiful music might make Saul feel better. One of Saul's helpers knew just the person to play the harp: David! David played his harp and Saul felt better.

Remember the King

- Encourage the children to pretend to place a crown on their heads as they tell you something they remember about the story. Statements may include:
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- “Jesse had eight sons; Samuel thought he knew who would be king, but he did not; David was a shepherd; Samuel poured oil on David’s head; David played the harp; David would be the next king.” Assist children as needed.
- Say: God chose David to be king. God did not choose David because of what he looked like. God knew what David thought and felt. God looks at who we are on the inside, not just what people see on the outside. People were surprised that God chose David to be Israel’s next king.

Craft/Coloring Page

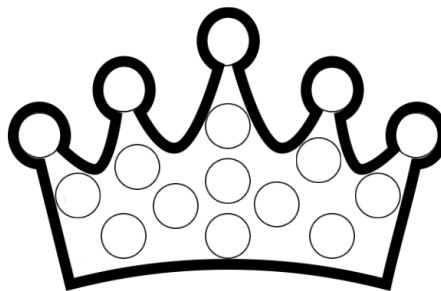
9:30-9:45

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: God is **KIND**!

Distribute the “God Chose David to be King!” craft sheet and dot markers to the children. Encourage the children to use a variety of colors as they color the crown and dots.

Ask what they see and how the crown is related to the Bible story.

God Chose David to be King!



Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

9:45-10:00

Songs are found on the USB which is already in the TV. Click on the remote. Find the tab that says videos and click on the date. There are other videos from previous weeks that the children may enjoy singing again as well. While one of you are singing with the children, another helper can set up the tables for snack time.

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(Snack includes: animal crackers on a napkin and a small cup of water.)
***Please note if any allergies or snacks/drinks brought from home for specific children.

1 Samuel 16:7 "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

- Show the picture and discuss the binoculars and how it helps us to see things. Then say, we can only see the way someone looks on the outside. Read the first part of the verse to the kids and repeat several times. Then show the picture of the heart and discuss how God can see what is in our heart. He knows what we think and feel. Read the second part of the memory verse: but the Lord looks at the heart." Have the children repeat the phrase with you several times. Now put both pictures together and repeat the whole verse several times.

Pray, thanking God for choosing David to be king. Thank God for sending Jesus to be the perfect King.

Snack Time at Tables

10:00-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. NOTE: some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.

Free Choice Play

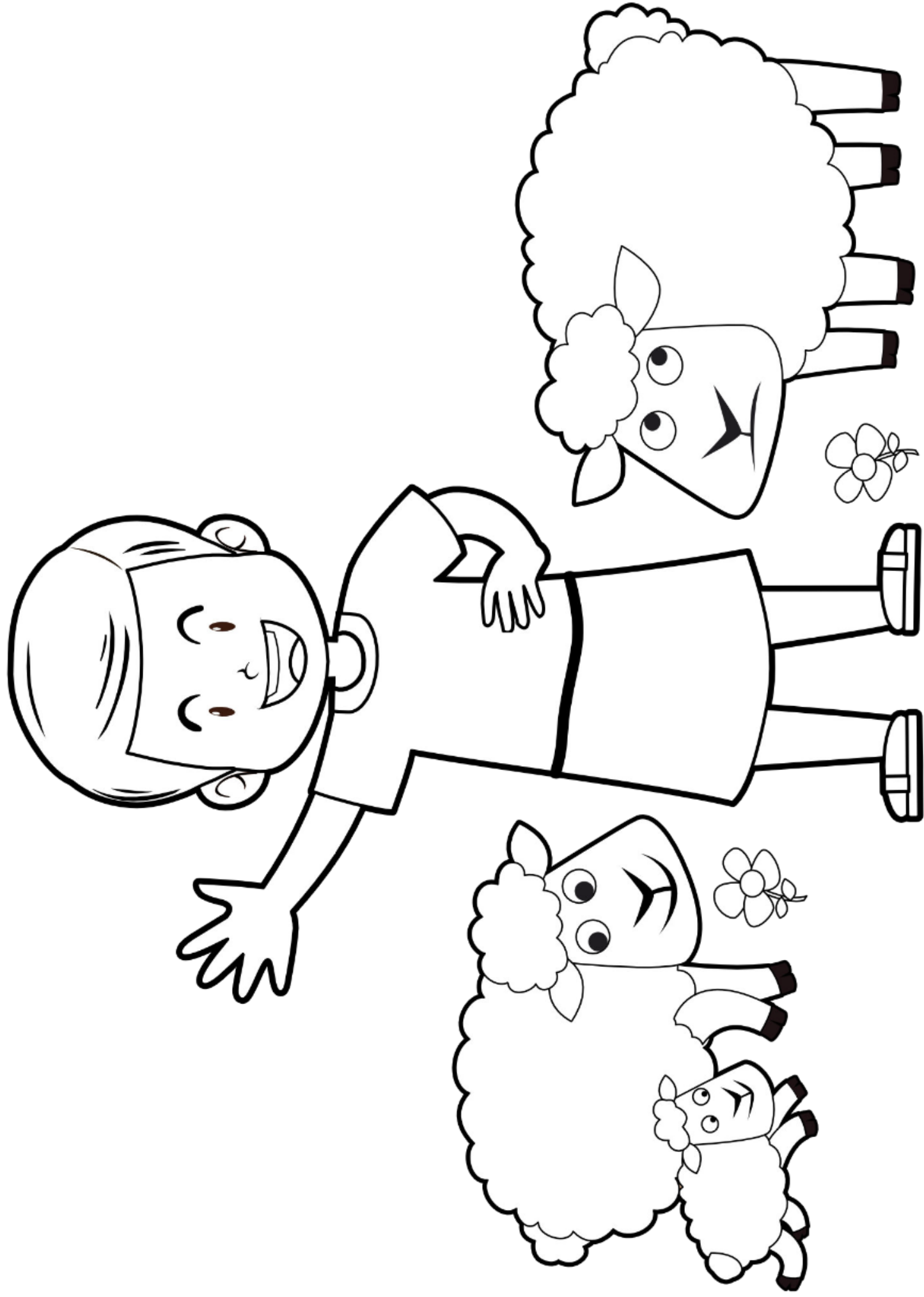
10:15-10:40

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!

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David is chosen as king.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

God had said that King Saul would not be king much longer. God told Samuel to go to the man God had chosen to be the new king. "Go to the town of Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse. I have chosen one of Jesse's sons to be the king."

Samuel obeyed God and went to Bethlehem. He talked to Jesse. He looked at each of Jesse's seven sons. The oldest son was tall and strong. *Surely this is the one God wants to be king*, thought Samuel.

"No," God said to Samuel, "he is not the one. You can only see how he looks on the outside. But I have chosen a man who loves Me and will obey Me. That cannot be seen from the outside."

So Samuel looked at the next son. But God said he wasn't the one either. One after another, Jesse's seven sons walked by. But none of them was the one God had picked! Finally Samuel asked Jesse, "Do you have any MORE sons?"

Jesse told him that his youngest son, David, was out taking care of the sheep. Samuel asked to see him. When David walked in, God said, "This is the one I have chosen." So Samuel took out a little animal horn filled with oil. Samuel poured some oil on David's head to show that he was the one God had chosen to be the next king. God had chosen David because he knew David loved God with all his heart.

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1 Samuel 16

