

GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING



Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 16

Date: 7/20/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

1st 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.....8:55-9:05**
- **Story Station (LG2).....9:10-9:30**
- **Project Station (Classroom).....9:35-9:55**
- **Game Station (LG1).....10:00-10:20**
- **Back to Classroom:.....10:20-10:45**
 - **Snack and Transition to 2nd Service**

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

8:55-9:05

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.

Line Up By Size

- Invite children to work together to arrange themselves in order by height, from shortest to tallest.
- **SAY** You did a great job lining up by height!. Today we will hear a true story from the Bible about God's choice for a new king for Israel. Samuel was surprised when God did not choose the tallest or oldest son. Instead, God chose the youngest son. God chose David to be king.

Sit or Stand

- Invite children to sit in a circle. Name various characteristics that might describe your children. If the characteristic you name is something that is true about a child, invite them to stand up. If it does not apply to a child, encourage them to stay seated. Use some of the following characteristics or create your own: hair color, clothing color, type of shoes, glasses, accessories children may be wearing, and so forth. As you name different characteristics, clearly state which children should stand and which should sit. For example, say, "If you have brown hair, stand up. If you do not have brown hair, stay seated."
- **SAY** In this game, we looked at things we could all see on the outside. We looked at the color of our hair, clothes we have on, and other things that describe us on the outside. When God chose David to be king, He did not look at the outside; God looked at David's heart. God knew David loved Him and would be a good king to the people.





Pin the Crown

- Post the picture of David on the wall at a child's eye level. Give each child a small sticky note with a crown drawn on it. Form a single-file line starting a few feet from the David picture. Invite one child at a time to step forward, and with eyes closed, to try to stick the crown on top of David's head. Enlist a leader to help guide each child to the picture.
- **SAY** David was a shepherd boy who never expected to be a king. God had a plan and God chose David to be king. God's plans may not always make sense to us, but they are always best. God knew David's heart and knew he would be a good king. God had an even bigger plan when He sent Jesus to be the Savior and King of the world

Story Station (Large Group 2).....9:10-9:30

Project Station (Classroom)

9:35-9:55

Make a Family Chain

Place the people outlines, glue sticks, and crayons/markers on a table. Invite children to pick out the people outlines that match the members of their family. Be sensitive to different family situations. Assist with gluing the people outlines together like they are holding hands. Encourage children to add facial features and clothing to the people in their family chain.

SAY You made a chain of the members of your family. David had a large family. He had seven brothers. Samuel thought Jesse's oldest son, who was tall and handsome, would be the new king, but God said, 'No.' Samuel asked if Jesse had any other sons. David was out with the sheep. When David came, God said, 'He's the one!' God chose David to be king. David was a surprising choice to be the king of Israel. When Jesus came to earth, He seemed like a surprising choice to be king! Jesus is our King.





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)10:00–10:20

Back to Classroom10:20–10:45

Snack and Transition to 2nd Service!



