

GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING



Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 16

Date: 6/20/25

Age: 2's/3's

2nd 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.....10:40-11:05**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....11:05-11:10**
- **Bible Story.....11:10-11:25**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....11:25-11:35**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....11:35-11:50**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....11:50-12:05**
- **Free Choice Play.....12:05-12:15**

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

10:40-11:05

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

Build a Tower:

- Encourage the children to count out eight blocks. Invite them to build towers or other structures with only these eight blocks of the same type. Challenge the kids to see how many different types of structures they can build with only eight similar blocks. If you have different size of blocks, build one tower with eight small blocks and one tower with eight larger blocks. Set up the different blocks on different tables.
- Say: You built a tower with eight blocks. Jesse had eight sons. One of his sons would be the next king. Samuel met with all of the sons. David was the one God had chosen to be the next king. How do you think it would feel to be chosen from your family to be king?

Crown the King

- Give each child a construction paper strip. Provide stickers and crayons for toddlers to decorate their strips. As they work, display the 2 pictures of crowns. Explain that not all kings are alike, nor are their crowns. Size the construction paper crowns to fit each child's head. Tape in place. Allow the children to wear their crowns as you tell the Bible story.
- Say: God told Samuel to choose a new king. God chose David to be king after Saul. Jesus is the perfect King. His choices are always right.

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 the king. Shepherds keep sheep safe and find them if they are missing. You found 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

11:05-11:10

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

11:10-11:25

Line Up Cups

- Gather the eight disposable red cups. Set aside the cup with the crown. Invite children to help you line up the cups upside-down in a side-by-side line. Add the crown cup into the line. Move the cups around, challenging children to guess which cup the crown is under. Explain that Jesse had eight sons, but only David, the youngest son, was chosen to be king. Play the game several times.
- SAY Samuel thought God would choose Jesse's oldest and strongest son to be the next king after Saul, but God chose David. David was the youngest. God knew that David was the right choice.

Invite the children to wear their crown. Open The Beginner's Bible to page 168. Read the story to the kids (Pgs. 168-172). Show the pictures as you read. To review the story, use the summarized points below. You may use the points to ask questions or have children fill in some blanks as you read the summary points.

- God told Samuel to visit a man named Jesse who had eight sons. One of Jesse's sons would be the next king.
- Samuel went to meet with Jesse and his sons. Jesse's sons were strong-looking men. God said, "I do not look at the outside of a person. I look at the inside of a person. I look at his heart."
- Samuel met son after son. God had not chosen any of them. "Do you have another son?"
- 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. David was filled with God's power.

Craft/Coloring Page

11:25-11:35

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!



- Give each child a sheep craft sheet, glue sticks, and 4 cotton balls. Guide the kids put glue on the sheep's fur and push the cotton balls into it. It is suggested 1 for the head and 3 for the body. . Option: allow the children to color their sheep before gluing on the cotton balls.
- **SAY** David was taking care of sheep when God chose him to be king. David made right and wrong choices as king. Jesus is the perfect king. His choices are always right.



Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

11:35-11:50

Sing to the tune of "Are You Sleeping (Brother John)?"

- "God forgives us, God forgives us, When we're wrong, when we're wrong. God forgives wrong choices, God forgives wrong choices. God is good. God is good"
- **Say:** God chose David to be king. God's choices are always good. People make choices too, but our choices are not always good. God forgives us for our wrong choices because of Jesus.



Sing to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down"

- "Jesus is the perfect King, Perfect King, perfect King.
Jesus is the perfect King. Thank you, Jesus."

Pray: Thank you, God, for choosing David to be king. Thank you for sending Jesus to be the King who loves us and cares for us.

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

Look through the magnifying glass and mention how it helps us to see things. Say the first phrase of the verse: People look at the outward appearance. Then show the heart and say the second part of the verse: but the Lord looks at the heart. Repeat the verse several times while you hold up the binoculars and heart at the appropriate time.

Snack Time at Tables

11:50-12:05

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

12:05-12:15

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

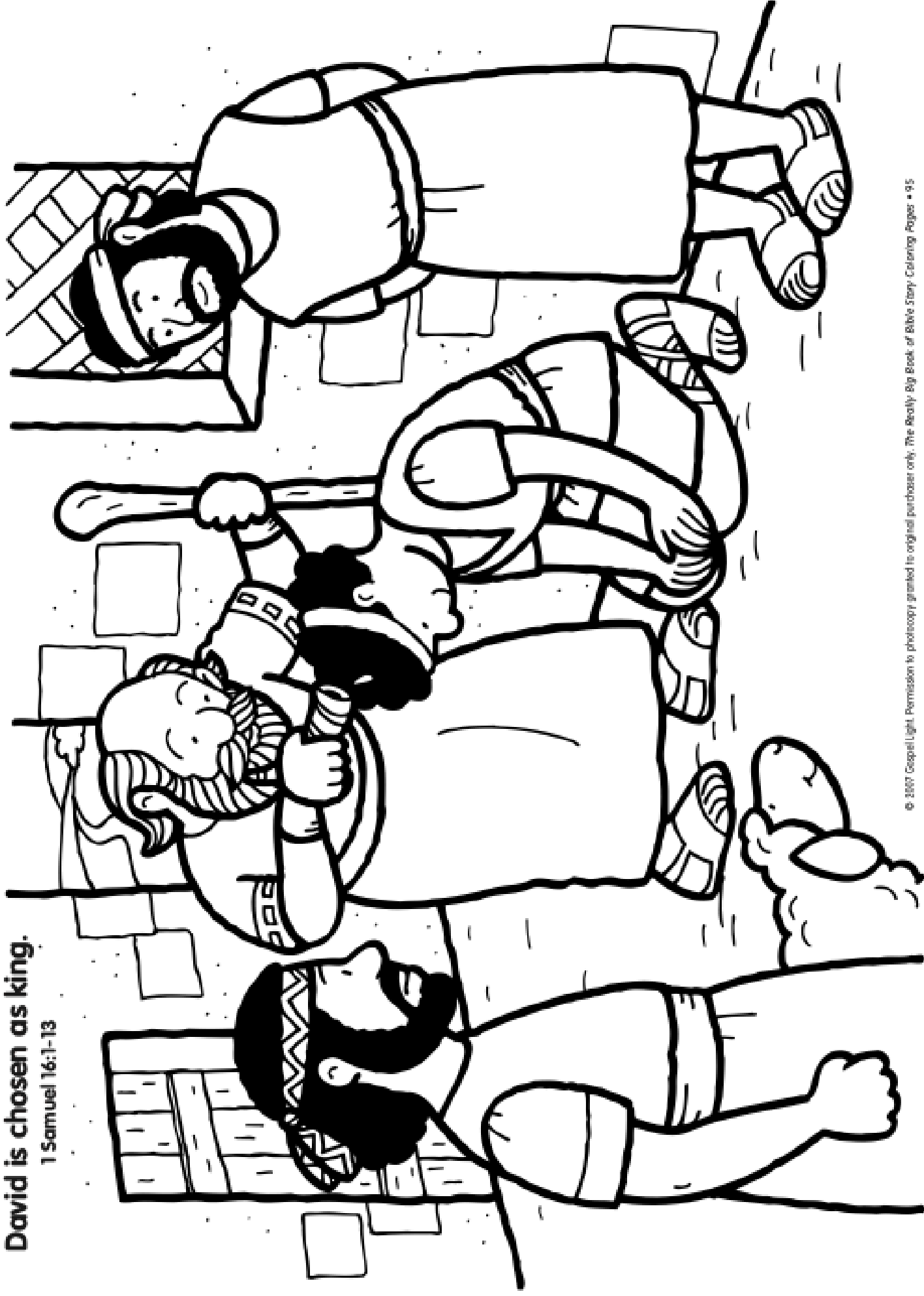
At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

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



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1 Samuel 16:1-13



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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.

David Was a Shepherd Before He Was King

1 Samuel 16

