



Unit 11 | Session 1

GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING

1 Samuel 16

Saul was the king of Israel, but he had disobeyed God. So God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem. A man named Jesse lived there. God had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be Israel's next king.

Samuel went to Bethlehem and met with Jesse and his sons. Jesse's oldest son was tall and handsome.

But God told Samuel, "He's not the one. Do not pay attention to what he looks like. You look at what you can see on the outside, but I see the heart."

One by one, Jesse's sons approached Samuel. Each time, Samuel said, "The Lord hasn't chosen him either."

"Do you have any more sons?" Samuel asked.

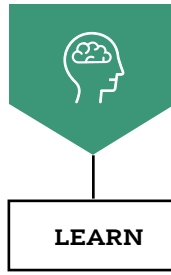
"Yes," Jesse said. "My youngest son, David, is in the field taking care of the sheep."

Jesse sent for David. When David arrived, God told Samuel, "He's the one!"

Samuel anointed David; he poured oil on David's head to show God had chosen him to be the king. The Spirit of the Lord was with David, and Samuel went back home.

Now King Saul was bothered by an evil spirit. One of Saul's officials knew that Jesse's son David could play the lyre. So David came to Saul and whenever Saul felt troubled, David played his lyre and Saul felt better.

Christ Connection: Samuel anointed David, setting him apart to be the next king. God's choice for Israel's king was surprising; David was the youngest in his family, but God saw David's heart for the Lord. When Jesus came to earth, He seemed like a surprising choice for a king. Jesus is the perfect King who saves us from our sin and reigns forever.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Find and read each reference in your Bible. Then list some of the qualities that are important to God.

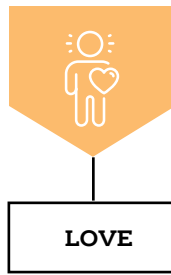
Philippians 2:3-4; Hebrews 12:14; James 1:19; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Peter 3:2; Romans 12:10

» What does this story teach us about God?

» How was Jesus an even better King than David?

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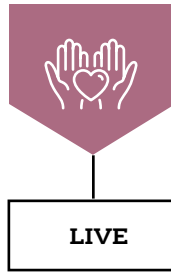
» Why does God often choose to use unexpected, unqualified, or ordinary people?

» What does it mean that God sees every person's heart?

» If my heart is not where it should be, what can I do?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Ephesians 1:7-8 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, giving God praise for the forgiveness we are offered by His grace through faith in Jesus. Ask God to help you read His word and trust in Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

☐ Psalm 147:10-11

☐ Psalm 139:1

☐ Isaiah 53:2-3

☐ Psalm 51:10

☐ Jeremiah 17:10