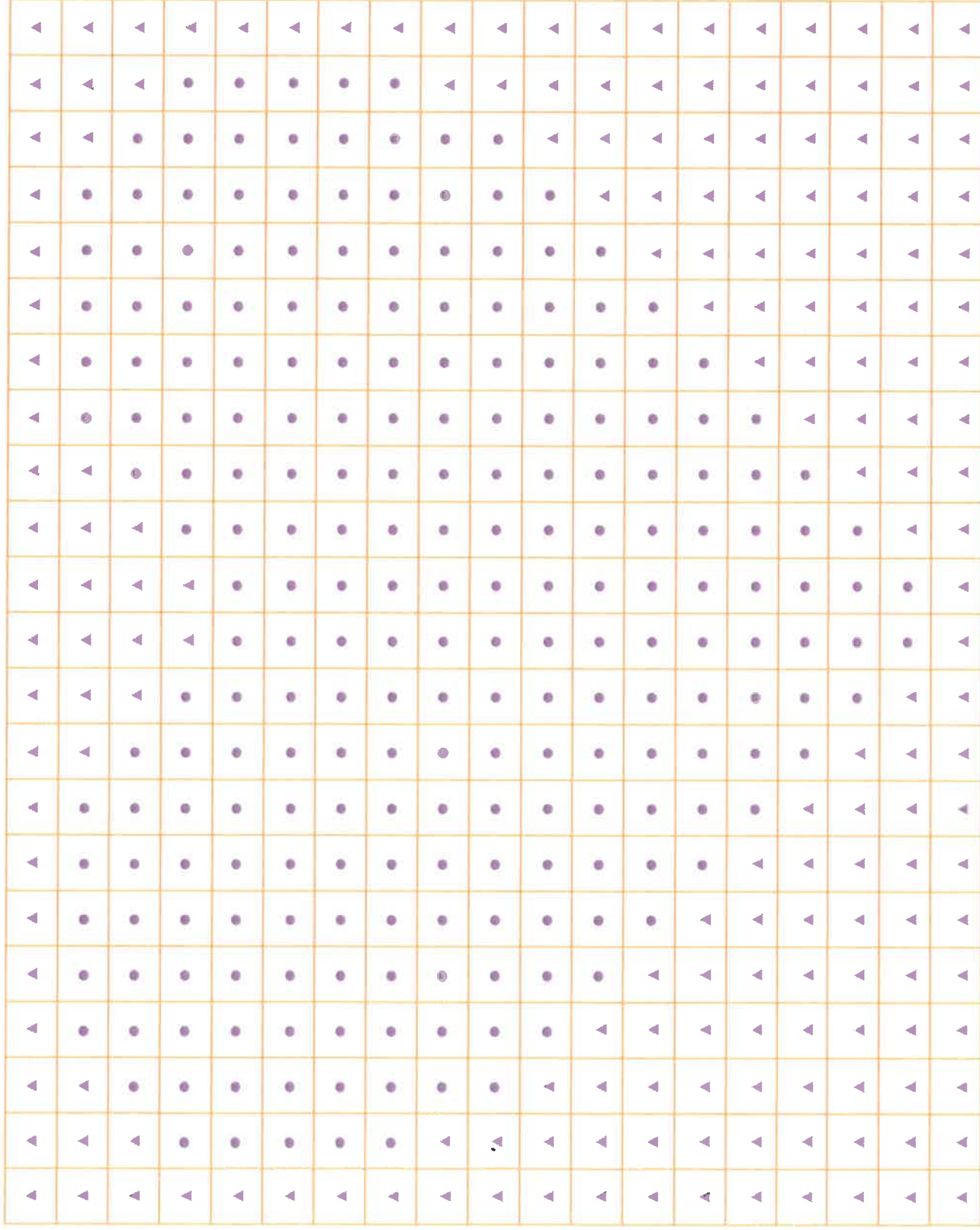


## Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Worksheet: What does God look at?	Worksheet Blue and Red crayons/Markers
	<p>Black Lights: Talk about how God sees what is inside our thoughts and our hearts, not the outward appearance.</p> <p>Turn on the blacklight. Put the message in order: "God does not look at the outward appearance, but at the heart."</p>	
Large Group	<b>Large Group Time:</b> Leader is Lorene. She will get you when ready	
Classroom:	Page 42: Group Discussion Questions	Bible Ask Questions
	Make flowers with finger prints using stamp prints for Mother's Day card.	
	Give out new memory verse card to those who don't have one (handed out last week)	Memory Verse cards Frames - if needed

# What Does God Look At?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** God chose David to be king. Color the triangles blue and the circles red to reveal what God looks at in people.





## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

### LOVE God by Applying the Story

#### 1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles, and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Samuel 16. Remind kids that like David, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Tell kids that Jesus is from the family of King David.

Consider pointing out the location of Bethlehem (15) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Samuel 16:7 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

**SAY** 🌟 Why did God choose David to be king? [Allow responses.] God looked at David's heart not his outward appearance. David wasn't perfect, but he had a heart that loved God and wanted to obey Him.

God wants to change our hearts so that we love and obey Him too. When we trust in Jesus, God changes our hearts to help us love Him most of all. Faith in Jesus also means we receive the Holy Spirit who helps us obey God and teaches us to follow God's ways. 🌟

#### 2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

| **SAY** 🌟 What did Samuel do to David after God chose him to be king? 🌟

Remind kids that Samuel anointed David with oil. In the Bible, priests and kings were anointed or smeared with oil to show they had been set apart for a specific role. The oil didn't have any special powers, but it was a symbol to show how someone would be a king or a priest.

| **SAY** 🌟 Look at 1 Samuel 16:13. What happened after David was anointed with the oil? 🌟

Discuss how the Holy Spirit came upon David. Share how David needed the Spirit of the Lord to be a king over God's people so he could lead them in what is good and right. Christians receive the Holy Spirit when they place their faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps lead us in the truth of God's Word, gives us power, and helps us become more like Jesus.

| **SAY** 🌟 Do you ever only look at the outward appearance of others? Why? 🌟

Explain how God said people look at what is visible. We tend to judge by what we can see, rather than what is inside the heart of a person. Discuss some ways we judge others such as what kind of clothes they wear, where they live, what kind of job they have, how they talk, etc. Remind kids that God looks at the heart of the person and encourages us to do the same. When we seek to know a person's character and motivations, we judge rightly (John 7:24).

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





I'M SO GLAD GOD PICKED  
YOU TO BE MY MOM!  
LOVE, \_\_\_\_\_