

In God's Big Story

God tells Samuel to go to Bethlehem and anoint one of Jesse's sons as the new king. Samuel obeys, expecting God to choose one of Jesse's oldest, strongest sons. But God looks at the heart and chooses Jesse's youngest son, David.

Wonder Truth: God Looks at the Heart

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16



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SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID AS KING

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WORD OF WONDER



Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our [motions video](#) or this [video](#) to help you!

Come near to God, and he will come near to you.

— James 4:8a (NirV)



WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What's one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What's the first thing you usually notice about people?
- What do you think God notices about people first?
- In God's big story, what qualities do you think God noticed in David that made him the right person to be the next king?
- The next time you meet someone new, how can you see them the way God sees them?



HANDS ON

Great
for
Younger Kids!

Apple Stamp Hearts

For this activity, you'll need a whole apple, a paring knife, cutting board, craft paint (preferably red), bowl (for the paint), paper, and markers.

When God chose a new king, He didn't look at outward appearance. God looked at the heart and chose Jesse's youngest son, David. God looks at our hearts too—He sees all the good qualities we have on the inside that other people might not notice. Do this simple activity to help kids remember that God looks at the heart.

Cut an apple in half. Then help your child dip half the apple, cut-side down, into a bowl of paint and use it as a stamp on blank paper—it will look like a heart. While the paint dries, ask each family member: **What do you think God sees when He looks at your heart?** Once the paint is dry, write this week's Wonder Truth across the top of the paper: "God Looks at the Heart." Say: **God knows us better than anyone else does because He made us, and He loves us so much. God looks at our hearts!**



WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

Great
for
Older Kids!

Who Said That?

God speaks! He loves talking with us, and we can learn to hear His voice and obey.

Practice listening to and identifying one another's voices. Invite each family member to decorate an empty paper towel roll to use as a homemade megaphone. (Alternatively, simply roll sheets of paper into cylinders and secure them with tape.) Go into a very dark room, blindfold every family member, or simply close your eyes (and don't open them!). Have everyone move carefully and silently to a different part of the room. Then take turns disguising your voices and saying the Wonder Truth into your megaphones: "God looks at the heart." Family members might use silly accents, speak in a very high falsetto, talk in their lowest voice, or sing the Wonder Truth in a goofy voice. After each person says the Wonder Truth, see if the family can guess who said it.

If you have a voice changing toy, use it to make the game more challenging!

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