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## LEADER DEVOTIONAL

One of God's good gifts to us is the way He uses the most unexpected people in the most unexpected ways. We've all probably seen this happen at times. A young man or woman that rises to prominence in his or her particular vocation, but no one saw it coming.

We see this in sports, in business, and other arenas. But in the kingdom of God, it's not something you might see occasionally; it's actually standard.

Isaiah 55:9 says, "For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

God has been in the business of bringing about surprising stories of unsung heroes since the beginning of time. In 1 Samuel 16, we find one more example of this. God chose to use David, a young boy with a shepherd staff and some musical ability, to lead Israel in a time of desperation.

Do you ever find yourself trying to hone the skills God has used in others in hopes that He might use you too? Have you ever wished you were wired or gifted differently so you could do something specific for the Lord? Rest assured—God is not interested only in a specific set of gifts or a particular personality type. God desires to use you just the way He made you.

Find comfort in knowing that God didn't mess up when He made you. He won't waste a gift He has given you, and He wants you to grow in those ways so that at just the right time and in just the right way, your gifts can be used for His kingdom purposes.

Who would have thought David's ability to play the lyre would get him into Saul's inner circle? God did. It was His plan all along. And it is His plan to use you in great ways too. He will not waste the gifts He's given you. Be open and willing to serve Him for His glory and your joy.

### PEOPLE TO KNOW

David: the first king to unite Israel and Judah and the first to receive the promise of a royal Messiah in his line. David was pictured as the ideal king of God's people. He ruled from about 1005 to 965 BC.

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## WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet preschoolers and welcome them to class. Help children transition in and feel welcome.

*\*\*\* Please remember to reference the class schedules posted in your room for the timing of your class's various activities.*

## BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 16. Tell the Bible story using the provided story below.

### GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING

**SAY:** *Saul was not going to be king of Israel anymore. He had disobeyed God. Now it was time for Israel to have a new king. God told Samuel to visit a man named Jesse. Jesse had eight sons, and one of Jesse's sons would be the next king.*

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

*This must be the one God chose to be king, Samuel thought.*

*But God said, "Samuel, he is not the one. What he looks like is not the most important thing about him. I see what he thinks and feels."*

*So, Samuel met another son and then another. But God had not chosen any of them.*

*"Do you have any more sons?" 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. Then Samuel went home.*

*Saul did not feel well. Hearing beautiful music might make Saul feel better. One of Saul's helpers knew just the person to play the harp: David! David played his harp and Saul felt better.*

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## CRAFT

### MAKE A HARP CRAFT

See the example in your bin and help children make a harp craft.

***SAY:** Saul did not feel well. Hearing beautiful music might make Saul feel better. One of Saul's helpers knew just the person to play the harp: David! David played his harp and Saul felt better. Today we made a harp!*

## ACTIVITY

### Find the hidden sheep

Use provided crumbled up copy paper provided to represent sheep. Hide the sheep throughout the classroom. Encourage preschoolers to help you find the sheep. Play several rounds of the game, allowing the preschoolers to take turns hiding the sheep for their friends.

***SAY:** David was a shepherd before he was the king. Shepherds had to protect their sheep and find them if they were missing. David was taking care of his father's sheep when 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 that a king used to be a shepherd? What type of person do you think should be king? God said what a person looks like is not the most important thing about him. God sees what people think and feel.*

## SNACK AND PRAYER

Take a restroom break and wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Choose volunteers to help set up for the snack. (Crackers and cups for water located in the cabinet above the sink.) Pray and thank God for the snack.

## CLOSING ACTIVITES

## Unit 11 Session 1: God Chose David to Be King

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Before doing closing activities, please have the children help you clean up the toys and materials that have been used today. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let kids work on today's **Bible Story Coloring Page** until their parents arrive. You can also choose a book to read to the children as they color or for those who don't want to color. Please make the effort to have the children quietly engaged when parents arrive.

When parents arrive to pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

### BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

- 1) Leave toys set up on tables so they can be sanitized.
- 2) Use surface spray to wipe down tables.
- 3) Sweep up any cracker crumbs or dirt.