

Unit 11 Session 1: God Chose David To Be King

Toddler and 2's classes | July 3, 2022

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 16

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is the perfect King.

Key Passage: God forgives our wrong choices. Ephesians 1:7

BIBLE STORY

God told Samuel to visit a man named Jesse. Jesse had eight sons. One of Jesse's sons would be the next king after Saul. Samuel met each son, 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. David came and God told Samuel, "He's 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. Later, Saul did not feel well. David played beautiful music on his harp, and Saul felt better.

ACTIVITIES

Find the hidden sheep

Use provided crumpled 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.

Make a harp craft

Use the provided harp, help children decorate it with stickers.

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!

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

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 crayons and let children 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.