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SAMUEL ANOINTED DAVID

1 SAMUEL 16

CHRIST CONNECTION

God is our good and kind King.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is our King? Jesus is our King.

MEMORY VERSE

The LORD rules over everything. Psalm 103:19

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

In 1 Samuel 16, we come to a turning point in the storyline of God's leadership over His people. What began with Samuel mourning for Saul's rejection as king soon becomes a celebration of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His word in 1 Samuel 13:14: "The LORD has found a man after his own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over his people."

While the young David did not have the same impressive appearance as Saul, he had something greater: a heart that honored the Lord.

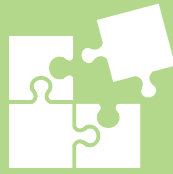
What was God trying to teach Samuel and His people by selecting David as the next ruler over Israel? How does this story lead us to consider the state of our own hearts?

Samuel had a front-row seat to God's rejection of the impressive King Saul. Yet, as Samuel looked upon the older, stronger sons of Jesse, he didn't seem to truly grasp what God was doing. By mere outward appearance, one might assume one of David's older brothers to be next in line for the throne. It would be David, however—the youngest son of Jesse—whom God would select as the next king of Israel. David was chosen, not because of his strength or stature, but because God saw his heart. As Psalm 147:11 reminds us, "The LORD values those who fear him, those who put their hope in his faithful love."

Prepare to teach boys and girls what it means to be someone after God's own heart. Though David would not be a flawless leader, he would be faithful to trust in God, repent of his sin, and delight in God's words. Yet, one greater than David would come. Jesus Christ, the sinless King, lived, died, and rose again to make righteous all who trust in Him for salvation.

Consider the state of your own heart—which only God can see. Thank God for the miraculous work of salvation He has done in your own life, as well as His desire to save the boys and girls who will hear this story. Pray for the Lord to open kids' eyes to what He can do with ordinary people who believe in Him by faith.

OPENING & ACTIVITIES



Connect with children through games and activities.

WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

ACTIVITY #1: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

The LORD rules over everything,
everything, everything.
The LORD rules over everything.
Psalm 103:19

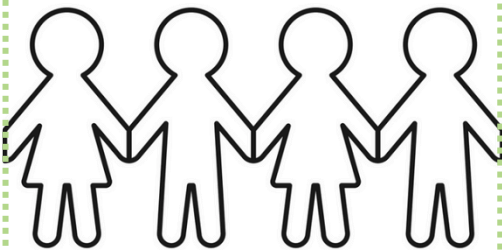
(Repeat)

CONNECT THE DOTS



Our memory verse phrase says, “The LORD rules over everything.” God chose David to be the new king over the Israelites, but God is our good and kind King who rules over everything!

ACTIVITY #2: FAMILY CHAIN



Invite children to pick out the provided people outlines that match the members of their family. *(Be sensitive to different family situations.)*

Help children glue the people outlines together like they are holding hands to make a paper people chain. Encourage children to use markers and crayons to draw facial features and clothing on the people in their family chain.

Say, “You made a chain of your family! David had seven brothers. Samuel thought David’s oldest brother would be the new king, but God said, ‘No.’ When David came in, God said, ‘He’s the one!’ David was a surprising choice to be king of Israel. When Jesus came to earth, He seemed like a surprising choice to be king! Jesus is our King.”



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Saul didn't obey God, so God said he couldn't be the king of Israel anymore. Israel needed a new king. God told Samuel to find the new king.

First, God told Samuel to go to the town of Bethlehem. A man named Jesse lived there. Jesse had many sons. Samuel thought Jesse's oldest son, who was tall and handsome, would be the new king. But God said, "No. I don't choose based on looks. I look at what's inside, in the heart."

Samuel met seven of Jesse's sons, but none of them were picked by God. "Do you have any more sons?" Samuel asked. Jesse's youngest son, David, was out with the sheep. When David came, God said, "He's the one!"

Samuel poured oil on David's head to show that God had chosen David to be the new king. Then Samuel went home.

CHRIST CONNECTION

David was a surprising choice to be the king of Israel. When Jesus came to earth, He seemed like a surprising choice to be king! Jesus came to save us from our sins so we can follow God. **God is our good and kind King.**

SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the story as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
3. Who did God choose to be the new king of Israel?
4. Who is our King? Jesus is our King.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return storage cubes to Rm 108.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!