

DAVID IS ANOINTED

1 Samuel 16:1-12



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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ While we often look at someone's outward appearance, God always looks at what lives in our hearts.■ God has elected His children and servants.■ We make our election sure by striving to trust, to be humble, and to believe in God.
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David is Anointed



David was the youngest of eight brothers. He looked after his father's sheep. David made sure that none of the sheep wandered off. If a wild animal came near the flock during the night, he would chase it away.

One day God sent the prophet Samuel to Bethlehem. God said to him, "Go to Jesse. One of his sons is to be the next king of Israel. Then I will show you which one is to be king." Samuel did what God had told him. When he saw Jesse's sons, Samuel was drawn to Eliab.

He thought, "This son is certainly going to be the new king. He is tall and strong."

But God said to him that he was not the one who was going to be king.

Jesse called one son after the other. Seven sons were presented to Samuel. Samuel, though, did not receive any sign from God. Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all of your sons?"

Jesse replied, "I have another son, David. He is the youngest. He is out in the fields looking after the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send someone to bring him to me."

When David arrived God said, "This is the one. Anoint him." So the youngest son, the shepherd boy, became king because God had chosen him. God's Spirit came upon David and stayed with him from then on.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel...
Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. (Some tall, one small) Instruct them before.
Provide disguise / fancy dress, a stick of a shepherd, a sheep (stuffed animal) on David's arms.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What qualities does a king have? (He is tall, strong, a ruler, ...)
- Why does Jesse not bring David to Samuel right away?
(Jesse feels that compared to his other sons David does not possess the qualities of a king.)
- What is the attitude of Samuel?
(Samuel listens to the voice of God; he does not act according to his own judgement.)
- Why does God choose David? (He is humble, believing, and he trusts in God.)

Have the children repeat...

- We often look at someone's outward appearance, God always looks into our hearts.
- God has elected His children and servants.
- We make our election sure by striving to trust and to believe in God.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- God was pleased with David's attitude.
- How do we know that our attitude is pleasing God, too? (By listening to our inner voice)
- Why are we children of God?
(By His grace. At times, we may wonder why He has chosen us.)
- We want to respond to Him humbly by trusting and believing in our election.

Repeat the Message

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beyond our understanding.