

SAMUEL ANOINTED DAVID

1 Samuel 16



The Lord said to Samuel, “Go to Jesse of Bethlehem, because I have selected a king from one of his sons. Bring your oil to anoint him.”

When Jesse and his sons arrived, Samuel saw the oldest—Eliab—and said, “Certainly this is the king the Lord has selected for himself.”

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or his height, because I have rejected him. Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart.”

Next, Jesse called his son Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. Samuel said, “The Lord hasn’t chosen this one either.” Next, Jesse presented his third son, Shammah, but Samuel again said that the Lord did not choose this son.

Jesse presented seven sons to Samuel. Samuel said, “The Lord hasn’t chosen any of these. Do you have any other sons?”

“Yes, my youngest son, but he’s out tending the sheep,” Jesse said.

Samuel replied, “Send for him.” Jesse sent for David.

When Samuel saw David, the Lord said, “Anoint him, for he is the one.” Samuel took the oil and anointed David. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully on David from that day forward.

Christ Connection: David did not look like a king on the outside, but God saw his heart and chose him to be the next ruler. Jesus looked like an ordinary man to the people around Him, but He is God’s Son and the Savior of the world.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Use the word bank to help you fill in the details from today's Bible story.

God rejected _____ as king. Samuel went to _____ to select the new king. Jesse presented _____ sons to Samuel, but God didn't _____ any of them. God told Samuel to not look at a man's _____. Humans see what is _____, but God sees the _____. David worked as a _____. God told Samuel to anoint _____ as king.

Word bank: David, choose, Bethlehem, Saul, heart, seven, appearance, shepherd, visible

» What does this story teach us about God?

» What happened to David after he was anointed with oil?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

God chose David to be king over Israel, but He sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world. When we trust in Jesus, we are forgiven of our sin and given new life. Have you trusted in Jesus?



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

» Why do you think people focus so much on outward appearances?

» How can we have a heart that pleases God?

» How does the Holy Spirit help us live for God?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Psalm 103:19 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, praising Him for Jesus and how He laid down His life to save you from sin and death.

READ THE WORD

Think about God's faithful promises fulfilled in Jesus. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ 1 Samuel 16:7

☐ Acts 13:22

☐ Acts 1:8

☐ Acts 10:38

☐ 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

☐ 1 John 2:20-21,28-29