

GOD CHOOSES DAVID

HIGHLIGHTS:

This week your child learned that the Lord rejected Saul as king and told Samuel to go to Bethlehem to visit a man named Jesse. The Lord told Samuel to fill his horn with oil because He had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be king. God said He needed a king who loved Him and would teach the people to love the Lord. Samuel obeyed the Lord and met Jesse and his sons. Jesse had seven strong sons and one young son. After seeing the first seven, strong sons, the Lord had not confirmed to Samuel that He had chosen any of them to be king. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any other sons. Jesse laughed and said, "Yes, but he is young and weak," but sent for him anyway. David came running, and the Lord immediately told Samuel, "This is the one. He is a man after my own heart." Right then, in front of his father and brothers, David was anointed king. David did not become king right away. He had to grow up and wait a long time before he actually became king. (1 Samuel 16; 2 Samuel 5)

THE SHEPHERD:

Talk with your child about how David was a shepherd, and as a shepherd, his sheep knew his voice and followed it. Similarly, David listened to God's voice and followed His way. Have your child be the sheep and blindfold them. You will act as the shepherd and guide them across the room by telling them where to go. Switch places and allow your child to guide you as the sheep.

WHICH BAG:

Grab two bags, one a plain, brown one and the other a fancy gift bag. In the plain, brown one, place your child's favorite snack food. In the gift bag, place your child's least favorite food. During snack time, let your child choose and open each bag. While they are eating their snack, talk to them about how it only mattered what was inside the bag, not how it looked on the outside. Read the Bible story of how God chooses David to be king and how God looked at what was in David's heart, not what was on the outside. Use these questions to talk with your child:

1. What do you think is important to God?
2. What makes you special to God?

OUR HEART:

God cares most about our heart, not what we look like. Cut a large heart out of construction paper for your child. On one side of the heart have your child draw pictures of things that describe a heart that is not pleasing to God. On the other side, have them draw pictures of things that describe a heart that does please God.