

Old Testament

David will be King

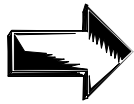
1 Sam. 16:1-22

Younger Verse

Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16

Older Verse

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16



Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember always to include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever looked at someone and judged them by what they were wearing or how they acted towards others? Let's see what God says about doing that.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

God told Samuel that He was ready to appoint a new king. He even told Samuel that it would be one of Jesse's sons. Samuel was concerned. He knew that if Saul realized what he was doing, he would have Samuel killed. God told him a plan and Samuel traveled to Jesse's home in Bethlehem.

When he arrived in the town, he invited Jesse and his sons to a special time to celebrate God. When they arrived, Samuel saw Jesse's first son Eliab and thought, "Surely he is God's man."

But the Lord said to Samuel "Do not judge by his appearance or his height. He is not the one I have chosen. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Jesse had 7 of his sons pass by Samuel, but God told Samuel that each one was not His chosen king. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any other children.

Jesse told Samuel that he had a younger son, but he was taking care of the sheep.

Samuel sent for little David. He was tan from being in the sun and he was handsome.

God told Samuel, "Rise and anoint him. He is the one." Samuel knew that David would one day be the king of God's people.

Lesson Goals

Don't judge people by what they look like
Understand that God loves us and has a plan for our lives

Back in those times, a person that would be king was anointed with oil. That means they poured oil on the person's head to show that God had chosen him for a special purpose. This oil was a clear type oil like olive oil (not like car oil!)

Samuel put oil on David's head. From then on, God's Spirit was with David.

God's Spirit was no longer with Saul. He began to have pain (maybe something like a headache) His only relief was when someone played the harp. Saul asked his servants to find someone in the land that played the harp well.

Believe it or not, David was that person. Saul sent for David and enjoyed his harp playing. Whenever David played the harp, Saul's pain went away. He liked David so much that he stayed near the palace and carried armor for the warriors.

David was careful not to tell Saul that he would be the next king. He knew that Saul would surely kill him if he knew.

God allowed David to be in the palace and learn what it meant to be the king. He was a young teen at the time. Even though God chose him as king, he would not become king until he was 30 years old! David had to wait patiently for God's timing because he knew that God had a plan.

Just like God looked at David's heart, He looks at our hearts too. God loves us and wants our hearts to be clean and pure. Unfortunately, when we do wrong, it darkens our heart. God knew that this sin would separate us from Him so He made a way for us to have clean hearts! God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to help us. Jesus died on a cross for all the wrong things we have done. He was our substitute. Instead of us paying the price for our wrongs, Jesus paid it on the cross for us. Jesus did die, but He came back to life 3 days later! If we believe in Him and ask Him to clean out all the wrongs that we have done, He will come into our lives and help us live for God instead of ourselves. He will forgive us and clean out our hearts. Now when God looks at our hearts, they are clean! Would you like to have a clean heart? Talk to us about how to do this.

Learning Activities

There are several good applications from this lesson: clean hearts, don't judge others, look beyond the outside, and follow God's plan and do things His way.

Memory Verse Activities

Talk about HOW we can let our lights shine for others to see. Give examples. One young man decided to take his Bible to school. He was able to start several conversations and share what he believed.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help us not to judge others this week. Ask Him for help in doing things His way and accepting others.

Snack Time/CleanUp

There are some fun ideas for snacks on the last page. Try a snack that has a surprise inside to remind them of the importance of looking on the inside not the outside.

Preschool Lesson
For
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Tell the story from a little lamb's point of view.

Hi! I'm Muffin! I'm a little lamb. A man named David took care of me. He was so careful to help me walk on the right path and stay out of trouble. He was a good shepherd. Many times when we are out in the fields munching on grass, he plays a harp. The music is so beautiful. David loves to play and sing songs to God. I know God is pleased with his songs. They tell of His love and kindness.

One day, while we were in the fields, David got an important message. He ran to see his father and a man named Samuel. Samuel was a special man of God. God told him to come to see David's father, Jesse.

When David arrived, Samuel told him that he would be the next king! God knew that David loved Him and would be the best person to rule the kingdom. David knew that God had special plans for his life. He loved God and did what He said.

One day, King Saul, asked David to come to the palace. King Saul had headaches that were very painful. Music helped to make him feel better. He asked David to come and play his harp to make him feel better.

God was with David. Whenever he played the harp, Saul felt better. David cared for Saul and helped him by playing music.

Just like God took care of David and had a special plan for his life, God will take care of you. He loves you and has special plans for your life. He wants us to follow Him and love Him.

Sing the song about David (included in the packet).

Hands-On Activities For David will be King

Jesus' name, "Christ," means "anointed one." Jesus is special because He is God's Son. He is our King.

A great object lesson for looking on the inside instead of the outside is the rock called a Geode. It looks like an ordinary rock on the surface. However, if a person cuts it open, you can see beautiful crystals inside. Share again how God looks at our inside not what we look like on the outside.

Make Secret Treasures. It is a little messy but lots of fun. Find a little toy or item like a ring. Wrap in aluminum foil. Now mix Plaster of Paris and water according to directions. Dip the aluminum foil ball into the plaster so that it is completely covered in plaster. Let dry. When dry, the children can "crack" them open for a fun surprise.

Make a sad face/happy face King Saul puppet Craft - Glue two plates together back to back with a large craft stick in the middle of them. Have the children draw a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other. Let them glue or tape on hair. Make crowns out of folded up aluminum foil and tape them on when they are all done. Use the puppets during story time. Have fun switching the face when David plays his harp.

Some of you have probably seen an x-ray. Many times when we go to the doctor, he cannot tell if we have something wrong just by looking at us. We may look just fine on the outside, but there might be something wrong on the inside. To see what is on the inside, the doctor takes an x-ray. By looking at the x-ray, he can see what's on the inside and helps us to get well. You can't always tell by looking at the outside. God does the same thing. He looks at our inside and wants us to have a clean heart.

Fun snacks for today can emphasize the importance of the outside being different from the inside. There are a variety of bubble gums that have a different center. Two are called "Gushers" and "Blasters." There are also Charms Blow pops and Tootsie pops that have a different center. If these are not available, try any candy or chocolate that has a surprise/different center (even M&M's).

David played a harp. Make a harp using yarn or rubber bands. Check the local library for a cassette of harp music so the kids can listen to it (they probably have never heard a harp before).
