

# Samuel appoints David

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# Introduction

- ▶ Some of these resources are adapted from the [energize.net.uk](http://energize.net.uk) website and are used with permission.
- ▶ In this session, we are going to be thinking about when Samuel appointed David to be the next King of Israel.
- ▶ The session has a number of activities designed to be carried out together as a family and is suitable for all ages of children and young people.
- ▶ Any materials you need should be found in your house and should not require you to go anywhere.
- ▶ Enjoy, and God bless you as you use these resources at home.
- ▶ So let's begin as we always do....Hands up for news time!

# NEWS TIME!



SHARE YOUR NEWS  
OF THE WEEK



WHAT DO YOU WANT  
TO THANK GOD FOR?



HOW HAS SOMEONE  
HELPED YOU?

# Game - Who does that job?

- ▶ One person in your family thinks of a person doing a job (firefighter, athlete, scientist, cleaner, teacher, etc.)
- ▶ They have to describe what the person does to the rest of your family and everyone else has to draw what they think this person will look like and write down their guess for the job.
- ▶ When describing you can't say the name of the job in your description (for example for train driver you can't say "this person drives a train").
- ▶ Take turns to describe or draw. See if anyone guesses correctly.
- ▶ At the end, look at all the pictures you drew. Is there anything surprising about them? Did you draw a man or woman? Did you draw someone old or young? Did everyone draw someone similar?

# Bible Story - Samuel appoints David

- ▶ You might remember a few weeks ago we learnt about Israel wanting a king. Saul became the first king of Israel, but things didn't go very well, and Saul wasn't very nice.
- ▶ God decided that Samuel needed to appoint a new king, and in today's story we are going to learn about what happens.
- ▶ Before we read the story, have a go at describing the type of person you might expect to be appointed as a king.
- ▶ As you listen to the story, see if the person chosen is what you were expecting.
- ▶ Today's story is from 1 Samuel 16:1-13. If you have a Bible you can try and find the story.
- ▶ The Bible story is on the next page for you to read together and it is *The Message* translation of the Bible.
- ▶ Get one person to read the story or take it in turns.
- ▶ Read the story somewhere you don't normal read the Bible story - maybe go in the garden, on the stairs, in the hallway.
- ▶ As you read, think about how each character felt. You might want to pause as you read to quickly say how you think they are feeling - happy, angry, scared...

# Bible Story - Samuel appoints David

- ▶ God addressed Samuel: “So, how long are you going to mope over Saul? You know I’ve rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your flask with anointing oil and get going. I’m sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I’ve spotted the very king I want among his sons.”
- ▶ 2-3 “I can’t do that,” said Samuel. “Saul will hear about it and kill me.”
- ▶ God said, “Take a heifer with you and announce, ‘I’ve come to lead you in worship of God, with this heifer as a sacrifice.’ Make sure Jesse gets invited. I’ll let you know what to do next. I’ll point out the one you are to anoint.”
- ▶ 4 Samuel did what God told him. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the town fathers greeted him, but apprehensively. “Is there something wrong?”
- ▶ 5 “Nothing’s wrong. I’ve come to sacrifice this heifer and lead you in the worship of God. Prepare yourselves, be consecrated, and join me in worship.” He made sure Jesse and his sons were also consecrated and called to worship.
- ▶ 6 When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Here he is! God’s anointed!”
- ▶ 7 But God told Samuel, “Looks aren’t everything. Don’t be impressed with his looks and stature. I’ve already eliminated him. God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart.”

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- ▶ <sup>8</sup> Jesse then called up Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. Samuel said, “This man isn’t GOD’s choice either.”
- ▶ <sup>9</sup> Next Jesse presented Shammah. Samuel said, “No, this man isn’t either.”
- ▶ <sup>10</sup> Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. Samuel was blunt with Jesse, “GOD hasn’t chosen any of these.”
- ▶ <sup>11</sup> Then he asked Jesse, “Is this it? Are there no more sons?”
- ▶ “Well, yes, there’s the runt. But he’s out tending the sheep.”
- ▶ Samuel ordered Jesse, “Go get him. We’re not moving from this spot until he’s here.”
- ▶ <sup>12</sup> Jesse sent for him. He was brought in, the very picture of health—bright-eyed, good-looking.
- ▶ GOD said, “Up on your feet! Anoint him! This is the one.”
- ▶ <sup>13</sup> Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of GOD entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life.
- ▶ Samuel left and went home to Ramah.

# Discussion - Was God's choice surprising?

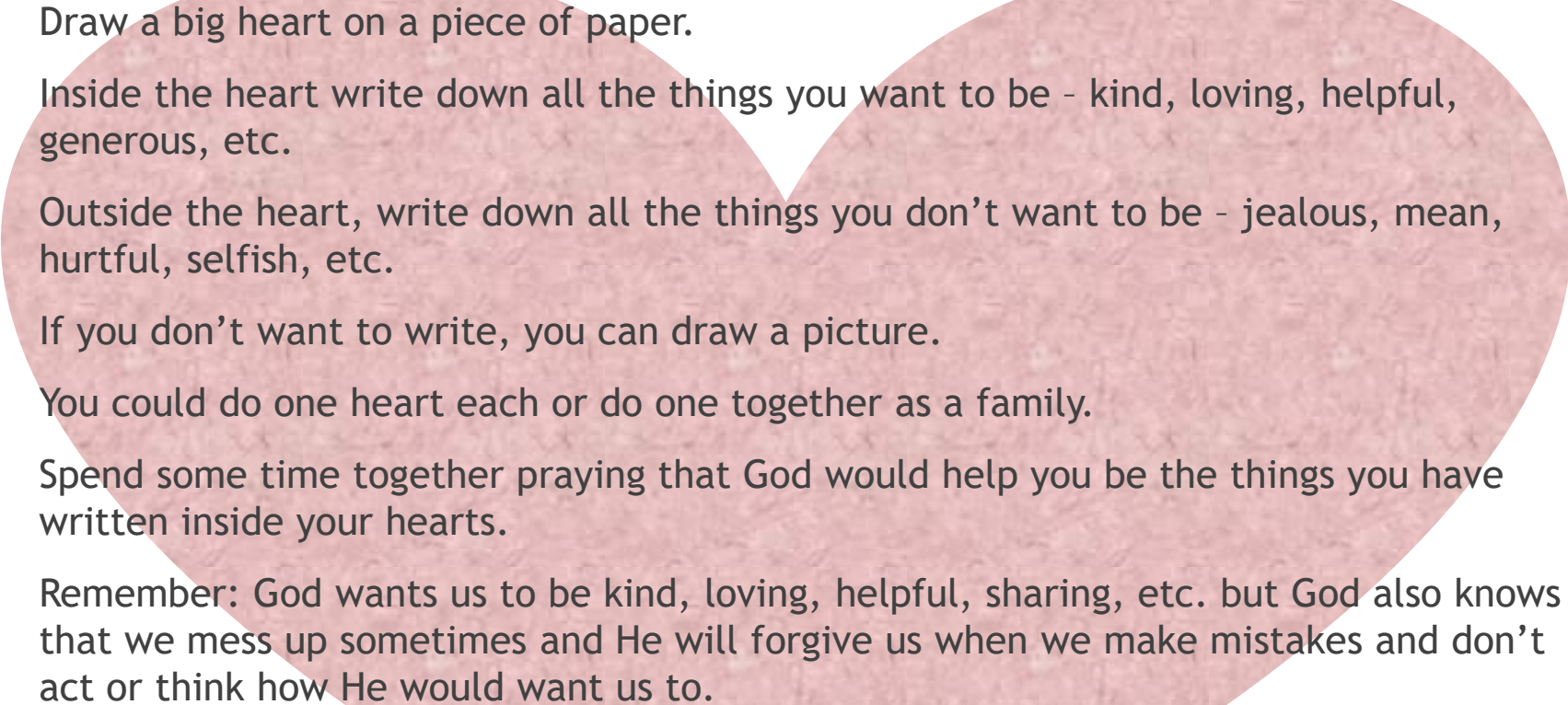
Pick and choose any of the questions below you want to discuss in your family.

- ▶ Who was in today's story?
- ▶ How do you think Samuel felt at the start of the story?
- ▶ Who did Samuel think was going to be the next king? Why?
- ▶ Who did God pick to be the next king?
- ▶ What was David's job? Was this a good/difficult/important job?
- ▶ Was David a surprising choice? Was he the kind of person you thought would be chosen before reading the story?
- ▶ In verse 7 it says that people look at outward appearances, but God looks at the heart. What does that mean?
- ▶ How do you judge people - appearance, personality, skills?





# Prayer - What's in your heart?

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- ▶ Draw a big heart on a piece of paper.
  - ▶ Inside the heart write down all the things you want to be - kind, loving, helpful, generous, etc.
  - ▶ Outside the heart, write down all the things you don't want to be - jealous, mean, hurtful, selfish, etc.
  - ▶ If you don't want to write, you can draw a picture.
  - ▶ You could do one heart each or do one together as a family.
  - ▶ Spend some time together praying that God would help you be the things you have written inside your hearts.
  - ▶ Remember: God wants us to be kind, loving, helpful, sharing, etc. but God also knows that we mess up sometimes and He will forgive us when we make mistakes and don't act or think how He would want us to.



# Creative time

Have a go at one or more of the activities below:



- ▶ Draw a self portrait and write down all the gifts and talents God has given you. Think about how you can use these to please God and help other people.
- ▶ Create a Venn diagram (Google it if you're unsure what this is) of the interests/traits/personalities of you and your friends and family. What overlaps? What is unique to you?
- ▶ God chose David because his heart was good, even though outwardly he didn't seem very important. Raid your recycling bin, craft scraps, unwanted items and create a heart, or a unique and amazing junk model out of things that appear useless.
- ▶ Think of someone who might be overlooked (rubbish collector, elderly person on your street, etc.) and make them a card/picture and give it to them.





# Memory Verse

- ▶ Today's memory verse is:

**“The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7**



- ▶ Cut out a heart and write the memory verse on it.
- ▶ Stick it on a mirror and all say the verse together - maybe take it in turns to say one word each.
- ▶ You could leave the verse on the mirror as a reminder during the week.

# Reflection

- ▶ What was surprising in the story today?
- ▶ What was your favourite part of today's session?
- ▶ How should we judge others - by their appearance or their heart?

- ▶ Prayer to end:

Thank you, God for our time together learning about when Samuel appointed David to be the next king. Your choices are sometimes surprising but are always right. Help us to distinguish people not by their outwardly appearance but by the attitude of their heart. Help us to do what is right and good. Thank you for loving us and caring for us. AMEN!

## Something extra:

- ▶ Interview a parent, family member, friend, or adult in the church about their job and faith. Some possible questions to ask are:
  - ▶ What is your job now (or before retirement)? What did you want to be when you 'grew up'?
  - ▶ What did you have to do to become what you are? What skills and character traits have been most important in your work?
  - ▶ How long have you been a Christian? How has being a Christian shaped your work life? Does knowing God help you to do your job?