

**HomeWord**  
For Parents

**G**od had rejected Saul as king over Israel because of his disobedience. God sent the prophet Samuel to a man of Judah, named Jesse, to anoint the king who would replace Saul. God promised to reveal to Samuel which of Jesse's sons was the one whom God had selected (1 Samuel 16:1). As Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel, he thought that surely God must have chosen Eliab, Jesse's oldest, as Israel's new king (1 Samuel 16:6). But the Lord revealed to Samuel that the things that impressed Samuel were not the things which were important to God. Eliab's appearance and physical stature were the focus of Samuel's admiration, but "the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Jesse's youngest son, David, would replace Saul as king. David was ruddy, bright-eyed, and good-looking. The Lord had sought for Himself a man after His own heart (1 Samuel 13:14)

to replace Saul as king. This described David's heart. David was also skillful in playing music, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, a handsome person, and the Lord was with him (1 Samuel 16:18).

Saul remained the king for a while even after God had anointed David to replace him. David now had the Spirit of God to sustain him (1 Samuel 16:13). Because of Saul's disobedience, God sent a distressing spirit to Saul (1 Samuel 16:14). In God's sovereignty and perfect plan, David was brought into Saul's court to comfort and soothe Saul when that distressing spirit would come upon him (1 Samuel 16:23). David obediently served, and Saul loved him (1 Samuel 16:21). God was sovereignly working events to bring David to prominence and popularity with the people of Israel.

*Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.*

**OutWord** For Family Discussion

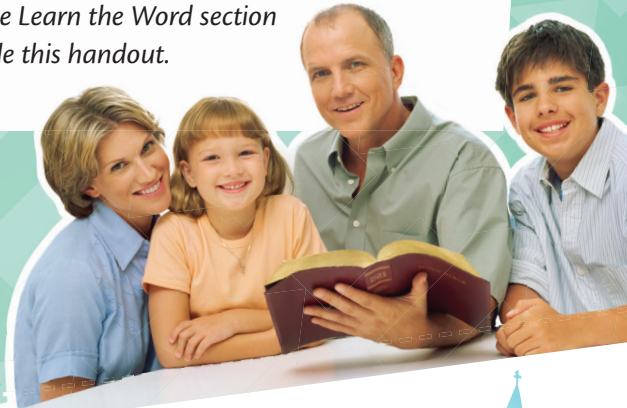
Suppose you are talking with your friends, and they just seem confused about God and some of the things the Bible says about Him. They just don't understand all of it. **What could you say?**

*We can read the Bible for the rest of our lives and still learn new things! A lot of it seems confusing to us, that's true. But as we grow in faith and study God's Word, we will understand more and more of it. AND there are some things we can know for sure even now! Like God is good all the time. There is nothing evil in Him. He is the Creator of everything. He made everything that exists and He rules over it all. That includes us. He deserves our love and obedience. Don't get discouraged. Keep reading, praying, and learning about God through the Bible!*

**inWord**  
For Family Study

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge . . ." (Proverbs 1:7). This knowledge comes from understanding and revering God as He is revealed to us in His Word. Equip your children for wisdom by learning God's Word together.

*Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.*



# God Chooses David

**KEY** THEME

- God is sovereign over all things.

**KEY** PASSAGES

- 1 Samuel 16:6–19, 13:14
- 1 Corinthians 1:27



What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- God chose David to be the next king of Israel because David had a heart for God. David loved and trusted God.
- David was the youngest son of Jesse. He was a musician, prudent in speech, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, and handsome.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Why did Samuel think Eliab was surely the one God had chosen as king?
- 2 What special quality did David have that made him a good choice for king?
- 3 What happened to David after Samuel anointed him?



1) His appearance. 2) He had a heart for God. 3) The Spirit of the Lord came upon him.



# Read the Word

**Monday** {1 Samuel 16:19-20}

When David went to see King Saul, what did he bring?

**Tuesday** {1 Samuel 16:21}

What did King Saul think of David?

**Wednesday** {1 Samuel 16:23}

How did David's music help King Saul?

**Thursday** {1 Corinthians 1:27}

Who has God chosen in the world?

**Friday** {Matthew 21:9}

What was Jesus called in this verse?

**Saturday** {John 7:42}

What special person was born from the seed of David?

## Learn the Word

Unscramble the words and fill in the blanks

But the Lord said unto \_\_\_\_\_, "Look

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not on his \_\_\_\_\_ or on the height

epaaarpce

of his \_\_\_\_\_, because I have

erttsau

\_\_\_\_\_ him. For the Lord seeth not

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as \_\_\_\_\_ sees; for man \_\_\_\_\_ on the

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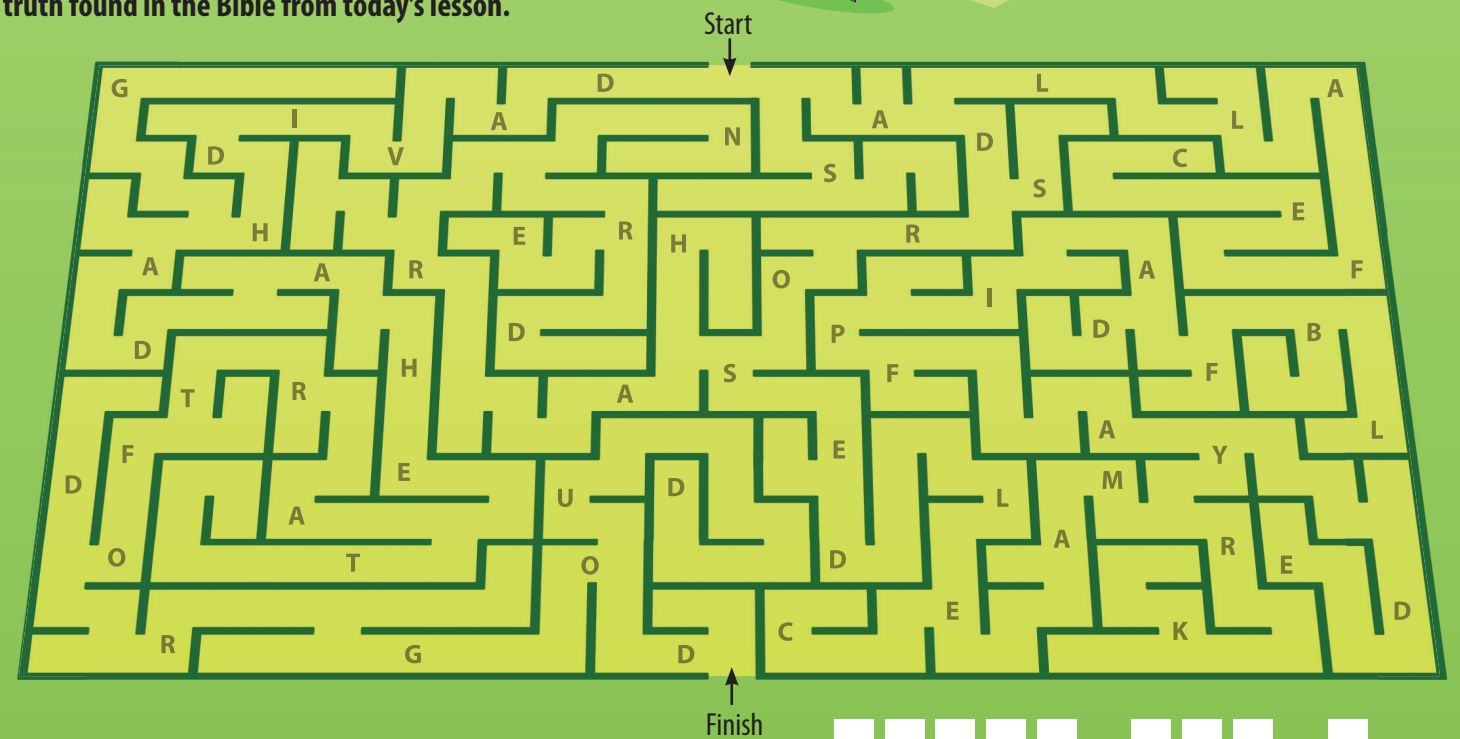
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looketh on the \_\_\_\_\_." 1 Samuel 16:7

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## DAVID IS TENDING SHEEP

Samuel is waiting to anoint David as king of Israel. Help David come in from the field where he has been watching the sheep. Pick up the letters along the way. Place them in order in the blanks. They will spell out an important truth found in the Bible from today's lesson.



ANSWER: David had a heart for God.

## WHAT WAS DAVID LIKE?

Circle the words or phrases that tell us what David was like. Cross out the words that don't belong.

SON OF JESSE  
 FUNNY  
 PRIDEFUL  
 PRUDENT IN SPEECH  
 YOUNGEST SON  
 MAN OF VALOR  
 DISOBEDIENT  
 MAN OF WAR  
 SHEPHERD  
 AWKWARD  
 WEAK  
 LOVED GOD  
 BRAVE  
 HANDSOME  
 SELFISH  
 MEAN  
 MUSICIAN

## LIVE the Word

Suppose your friend tells you he just doesn't feel like he is good enough, smart enough, handsome enough, or strong enough to do anything that would really matter? **What could you tell him?**

*The world makes us think that we need to be great in everything in order to do something important. But I don't believe that. You know, God created you just the way you are. And it wasn't an accident! The most important thing you can have is a heart that wants to obey God and love Him. Most people won't see that right away. They may never see it. But God will see it. And if your heart is right toward God, He will use you. And when God uses us, we can be sure it is going to be for something very important.*



**SNEAK PEEK**  
Come next week to celebrate and enjoy a fun review!

CROSSED OUT WORDS: Proudful, Funny, Disobedient, Awkward, Weak, Selfish, Mean