

HomeWord
For Parents

God 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.

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OutWord For Family Discussion

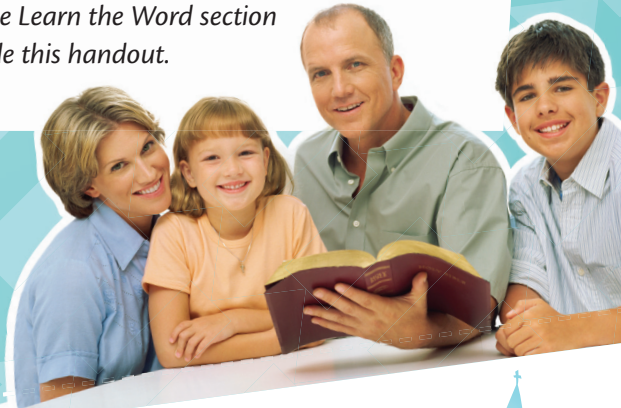
Suppose you are talking with your friends, and they just seem confused about God and some of the things the Bible says about Him. They just don't understand all of it. **What could you say?**

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!

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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 Fill in the blanks

But the Lord said unto _____, "Look not on his _____, or on the height of his _____, because I have _____ him. For the _____, seeth not as _____, seeth; for man _____, on the _____, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

This account is important because it reminds us of the sovereignty of God. But it's mixed up! Every sentence below is false because one word has been changed. Can you make it right? Cross out the word in italics that makes it false and write the correct word below it. Use 1 Samuel 16:14–21 as your reference.



A tricky spirit troubled King Saul (1 Samuel 16:14).

His servants suggested that *dancing* might make

the king feel better (1 Samuel 16:16). They suggested the young

man, *Eliab*, would be the perfect person to make the king

feel better (1 Samuel 16:19). The servants described David

as a skillful musician and the son of *James* (1 Samuel 16:18).

David was a man of valor, a man of *peace*, prudent in speech,

handsome, and the Lord was with him (1 Samuel 16:18). So

Jesse sent a *dog* with bread, wine, a young goat, and David to

Saul at the royal palace (1 Samuel 16:20). Saul loved David and

made him his *baker* (1 Samuel 16:21).

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!

ANSWERS: 1) tricky 2) dancing 3) Eliab 4) James 5) peace 6) camel 7) baker 8) dog 9) armor-bearer