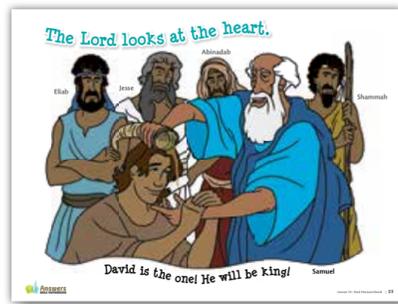


# God Chooses David



## Key Passages

1 Samuel 16:1b, 16:6–7, 16:12;  
John 14:15

## Lesson Focus

God knows our hearts.

## Memory Verse

**1 Samuel 16:7b** For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.



## Circle Time

### PRAYER

Begin with prayer. Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer Page.

### GOD'S WORD

These first five questions will be repeated each week. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? Who made you? *God.*
- ? What else did God make? *All things.*
- ? Why did God make you and all things? *For His own glory.*
- ? Can you see God? *No, I cannot see God, but He can always see me.*
- ? Where is God? *God is everywhere.*

**Bible Pass Around** See the Teacher Guide for details about this activity.

Continue lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around. Show Lesson 11 Flip Chart Page. We know that King Saul disobeyed God, right? He was supposed to wait for the prophet Samuel and he couldn't wait. God wants His children to obey Him. Saul did not obey God or trust God. When we don't obey God, it is sin! God had to punish Saul for his sin. He told Saul that He would take his kingdom away. But who would take Saul's place as king? It would have to be someone who had a heart that loved God; a man who had a heart after God's own heart; someone who wanted to obey God's commands. Let's see who that was.

Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and he/she opens it to where the sticky note is. We're going to read from 1 Samuel today! Show the students where the verse is. Have the student sit back down.

### 1 Samuel 16:1b

God told Samuel He would reject Saul as king. But God already knew who He wanted to be the next king. Listen to what God told Samuel to do. Read 1 Samuel 16:1b beginning with "Fill your horn."

- ? What did God tell Samuel to do? *Fill his horn with oil. Show Lesson Illustration #1. Lay it on the floor.*

- ? God sent Samuel to a certain man's house. Do you remember the man's name? *Jesse. Show Lesson Illustration #2. Lay it on the floor.*
- ? Who would be the next king? *One of Jesse's sons.*  
So Samuel knew what he was supposed to do. God wanted Samuel to take his horn with oil to Jesse's town. Point to Lesson Illustrations #1 and #2. He knew that God wanted him to pick a new king! When a new king was chosen, God's prophet would pour the oil over the head of the new king. Samuel had his oil, but he didn't know who the new king would be. He only knew that it would be one of Jesse's sons. The Lord would have to tell him. Jesse had many sons.

### 1 Samuel 16:6

Jesse and his sons came to Samuel! The first son came. Listen to what God's Word says about the first son. Read 1 Samuel 16:6.

Show Lesson Illustration #3. Lay it on the floor. Did you hear that? Samuel thought surely Eliab would be the next king. He was good looking and strong! But the Lord said, "I have not chosen this one!" So Jesse called another son, Abinadab. Show Lesson Illustration #4. Lay it on the floor. The Lord said, "I have not chosen this one!" Well Jesse sent ANOTHER son, Shammah. Show Lesson Illustration #5. Lay it on the floor.

- ? What do you think the Lord said? *"I have not chosen this one!"*  
Jesse brought another son to Samuel. This was Son #4! Show Lesson Illustration #6. Lay it on the floor.
- ? What do you think the Lord said? *"I have not chosen this one!"*  
And Jesse brought ANOTHER son to Samuel. I told you he had lots of sons. This was Son #5. Show Lesson Illustration #7. Lay it on the floor.
- ? What do you think the Lord said? *"I have not chosen this one!"*  
Wow! I wonder if everyone was getting tired! And another son came. This was Son #6. Show Lesson Illustration #8. Lay it on the floor.
- ? What do you think the Lord said? *"I have not chosen this one!"*  
How many more sons did Jesse have? Well, here comes another—Son #7. Show Lesson Illustration #9. Lay it on the floor.
- ? What do you think the Lord said? *"I have not chosen this one!"*  
And all the sons had come by Samuel! It didn't look like there were any left. But Samuel knew God wanted one of Jesse's sons to be the new king. Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these ALL your sons?" Jesse said, "No! There is the youngest son. His name is David. But he is young. He is taking care of the sheep." And Samuel told him to bring this young son to him.

### 1 Samuel 16:12

Now listen to what God said about this young son! Listen carefully. Read 1 Samuel 16:12. Emphasize, "This is the one!"

- ? What did the Lord say about this son? *This is the one! Show Lesson Illustration #10. Lay it on the floor.*  
Finally, the right son. He was the very youngest son of Jesse. Remember when Samuel saw the first son, Eliab, he was sure that he was the one God wanted. Refer to Lesson Illustration #3. And God told Samuel it was not Eliab; it was not Abinadab, or Shammah, or son #4, #5, #6, or #7. Refer to the Lesson Illustrations. So, how did God pick this young boy? He was the youngest one.

### 1 Samuel 16:7

Let me read something to you. This tells us what God was looking at. I want you to tell me what God was looking at after I read this. Read 1 Samuel 16:7 emphasizing "the Lord looks at the heart!"

- ? What did God look at? *The heart. Show Lesson Illustration #11. Lay it on the floor.*  
Refer to the Lesson Illustrations as you recap. Yes. We look at the outward appearance. We look at each other and see the outside. And Samuel looked at the outside of all of Jesse's sons. And he thought surely one of these men would be the next king.
- ? But what does God look at? *Refer to Lesson Illustration #11. The heart. Have you heard this verse before? Yes!*  
This is our memory verse! Let's say it together. Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Recite and/or sing the verse together.
- ? What was Samuel looking at when he looked at all of these sons of Jesse? *The outside. Their appearance.*
- ? What did God look at when He saw this last son—David—come by? *1 Samuel 16:7b. Refer to Lesson Illustrations #10 and #11. The heart.*

God didn't choose any of these seven sons. God chose David—the youngest, the shepherd, the only son that wasn't with the family. God knew David's heart. God looked at the hearts of all the sons. And He looked at David's heart. God knew that David loved Him. God knew David would serve Him and be a king who would obey God.

Even though David was the youngest son, and maybe his brothers and father didn't think he was very important, he was still important to God! God knew David's heart was true, faithful, and trusting. God chose David to be the next king of Israel. And many years later, Jesus the Messiah, the King of all Kings, would come from David's family line!

### John 14:15

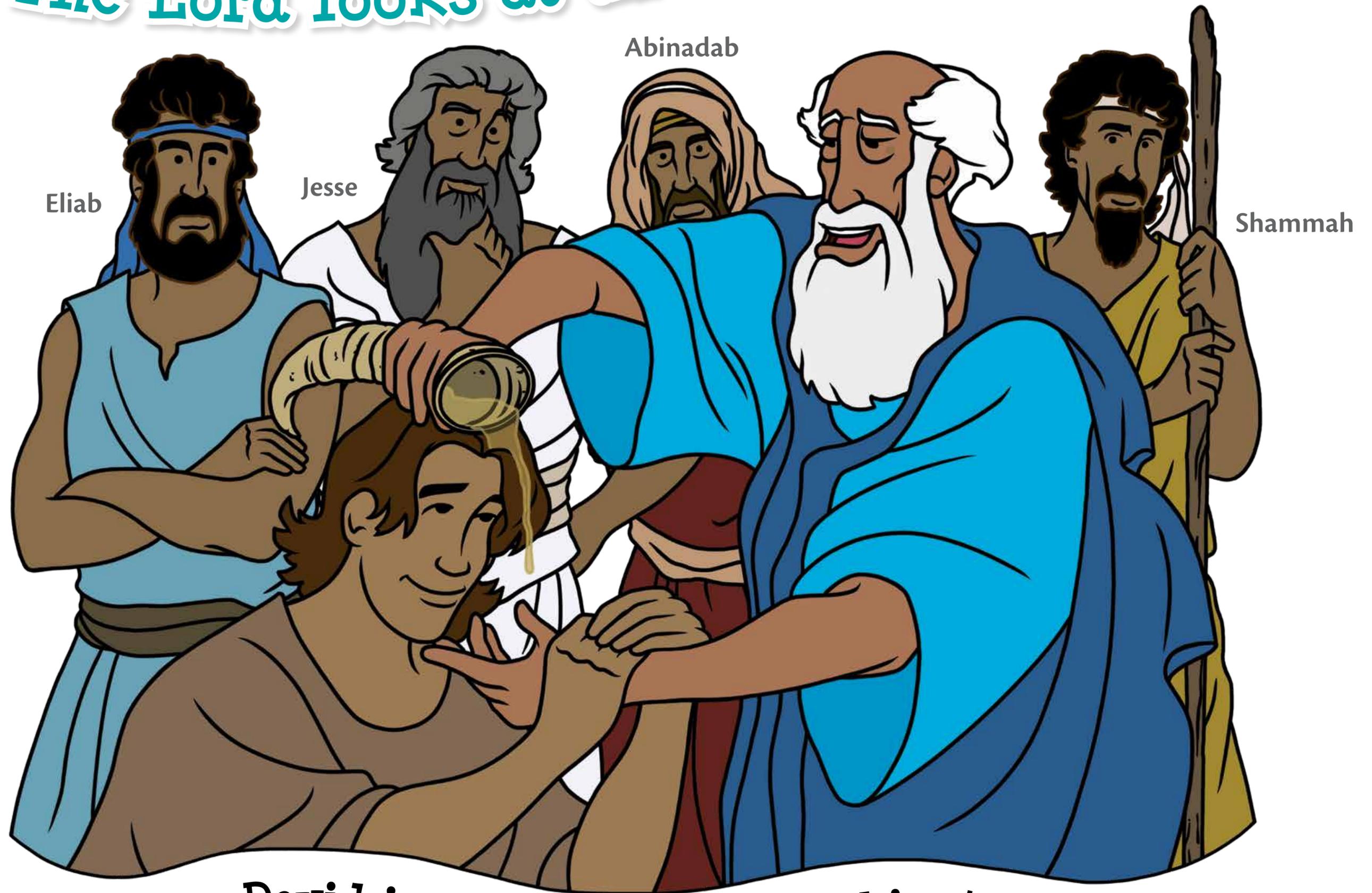
God knows our hearts. He knows whether or not we love Him and want to obey Him and do what's right. Jesus talked about this in the New Testament. Let's look at one more verse. Read John 14:15.

- ? If we really love God what will we do? *Obey Him.*  
That's right. If we believe in Jesus and love Him, then we will WANT to obey Him more. We won't always do everything right because we are sinners. Jesus is the only one who was ever perfect and never sinned. But because Jesus was perfect He was able to take the punishment for all sinners who turn to Jesus, are sorry for their sins, and believe in Jesus! This is good news! It is news that will last forever and ever!

### SONG

- *Marching, and clapping can be added to this section to add interest and help learning.*  
Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page. Here's a new song that reminds us that God knows our hearts. God looks on the inside, and we can't hide our heart from God! The song is called "Clean My Heart." Let's try it. Ready? Have students repeat each line after you, then sing together while walking in a circle one direction, then changing direction as you repeat the song.  
Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Let's sing our Memory Verse Song now, "1 Samuel 16:7." We learned this song last week! Let's make a circle and sing "We Gather All Around." Sing together with hand motions.
- *Refer to the Teacher Guide for the activities to be continued during Circle Time.*
- *Oversee an orderly way to get the children back to their seats, especially if the chairs were moved for Circle Time.*

# The Lord looks at the heart.



**David is the one! He will be king!**

Samuel