

**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

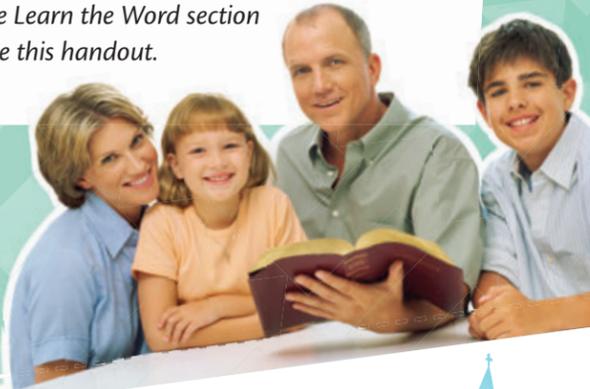
Suppose you are talking with your friends, and they just seem confused about God and some of the things the Bible says about Him. They just don't understand all of it. **What could you say?**

*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.

