

David Is Chosen King

Overview

Materials You'll Need

- person pattern
- colored construction paper
- pencils and markers
- scissors
- glue



Scriptures

1 Sam 16; 17:34-36

Bible Truth Objective(s)

God chose each of us to be His special child

Behavioral Objective(s)

To recognize that we are God's chosen people; to identify things we do that separate us from the world

Memory Verse

"The Lord looks at the heart." (1 Sam 16:7)



Bible Knowledge

David

David was the youngest son of Jesse, from the tribe of Judah, and he was the great-grandson of Ruth and Boaz. David was brought up to be a shepherd. As a shepherd, he learned courage, which was later to be evidenced in battle (1 Sam 17:34-35). He also learned tenderness and to care for his flock, which he often referred to in many of his psalms. Like Joseph, he suffered from the ill-will and jealousy of his older brothers, perhaps because of the talents God had given him (1 Sam 18:28).

When Saul was rejected as the king of Israel, God sent Samuel to anoint David. God was quick to point out that in choosing someone, He looked at the heart and not the outward appearance (1 Sam 16:7). However, it is noted in the Bible that David was a good-looking young man.

David first entered Saul's court as a harp player. He came to soothe Saul when he was tormented by an evil spirit. Saul grew to love David and even made him armorbearer for the king (1 Sam 16:21-22). Later on, David defeated Goliath and was given a military commission. After a mighty vic-

tory over the Philistines, David won the hearts of the people (1 Sam 18). This event caused Saul to become jealous of David, and he sought many opportunities to kill David. Despite Saul's great dislike for him, David became best friends with Saul's son Jonathan.

After the death of Saul, David was crowned king by the people of Judah (2 Sam 2). Later, the northern tribes also hailed him as king, uniting all Israel under him. Although David was known for being a great warrior, and Israel experienced much peace under his leadership, he was not without sin. Because of his lust for Bathsheba, he ordered the death of her husband, Uriah. David did confess his sin after he was rebuked by the prophet Nathan, but the first child of David and Bathsheba died. Much of the rest of his life was plagued by family disputes and revolts.

Because the promised Messiah descended from David's line, there are fifty-eight New Testament references to David, including the oft-repeated title given to Jesus, "Son of David." Paul states that Jesus is "born of the seed of David according to the flesh" (Rom 1:3), while Jesus Himself is recorded by John as saying "I am the root and the offspring of David" (Rev 22:16).



Understanding Your Students

Kindergarten students like to feel special. For example, they like to sit next to their teacher, and they like to receive attention for the things they do. We can let our students know they are special to us through various means. One thing we can do is shower each of them with attention at appropriate times (e.g. when they do something that deserves praise). This is a form of positive discipline, and it will help the students develop healthy habits while receiving attention from grown-ups.

It is also important that they know they are special to God. In today's lesson, David was chosen because he was special to God. Even though we are not kings, nor do we have any particularly important job to do, the students need to understand

that God chose us because He cares about us. Each of us has been chosen by God to be His follower. It doesn't matter if we are a baby or an old man, He still loves each of us. It doesn't matter if we are the president of a country or just a student in the kindergarten class, God knows each of us, and promises to love us. Highlight some of the things they do that make them special: they can pray to God whenever they need to, they come to church and learn His teachings, and they have so many brothers and sisters who are a part of their extended family.

In addition to learning how special they are to God, the students can also be taught to return that love. God loves us and wants us to return that love by developing the talents we have received and doing the best we can do. Brainstorm some of the things the students can do to show God they love Him back.



Vocabulary

Disobey

to not listen or follow the rules

Prophet

a messenger of God; a prophet tells others about God's words

Anoint

to pour oil on someone's head; it is a special way to show that person that God has given him an important job



Before You Teach

When Saul was chosen as the first king, the people saw that he was taller than all others (1 Sam 10:23). To them, that was an important criterion. Perhaps his height made him seem capable in battle and of being a good king. But we know that in the end, God's spirit left Saul because he did not obey God's will.

So when David was anointed by Samuel to become the next king of Israel, God made it clear that David was not chosen for his good looks, but rather for what was in his heart (1 Sam 16:7, 12). And from the life of David, we can see that for the most part, he was a man who was after God's heart. He was obedient and asked for the will of God to be done. He faltered when he allowed the lust of his eyes and the pride of life to take control. First, he ordered Uriah to the front-lines of battle

so that he would be killed. Then David could rightfully take Uriah's wife, Bathsheba, as his own (2 Sam 11). Later in his reign, David took a census of the people of the land to see exactly how numerous and powerful God's people had become (2 Sam 24). However, the difference between Saul and David when they sinned was that David sincerely acknowledged his sin and was quick to repent.

Like Saul and David, we can easily fall into sin. However, we can respond in different ways once we realize our sin. We can be like Saul who, despite many warnings, continued in his own path. Eventually, he was rejected as king and God was no longer with him. David, on the other hand, repented and changed his ways. Although he fell into sin, he was still sensitive to God's will. Today, when we find ourselves in similar situations, let us also be quick to ask God for forgiveness and guidance so that we may not stray from the path.



Bible Story

Saul Cannot Be King Anymore

In the last lesson, we learned that God chose Saul to be the first king of Israel. The people wanted a king to lead them instead of God. God was sad that the people wanted a person to be their king, but He chose someone for them. God chose Saul because He thought he would do a good job. After Saul became the king, he did some good things. But later on, King Saul disobeyed God. He didn't listen to God anymore or follow His ways. God was sad to have Saul as king. So He decided to choose another person to be the next king. His name was David. God chose David because he was someone who wanted to do what God wanted.

David Is a Good Shepherd

David had a big family. His father's name was Jesse, and he had seven older brothers. David's family had a lot of sheep. David's job was to help look after the sheep. He was a shepherd and he had a lot to do. When the sheep ate all of the grass in one area, David took them to another place where the grass grew thick and green. When the sheep were thirsty, he made sure they had water to drink. Sometimes a naughty lamb wandered off and he had to look for it. When a sheep was hurt or sick, David took special care of it. Sometimes, it would be really hot but he would still watch the animals. Other days it would rain but he did not leave his sheep. He knew it was an important job. It was so important that when wild animals like bears or lions came to attack the sheep, David would not run away. He would stay to protect his sheep. He even killed them to save his animals. He was not scared because he knew that God was with him. He knew God would keep him safe. One special thing David liked to do when the sheep were safe was play his harp and sing songs to God. He liked to sing about God because he loved God. And David also loved his sheep. Do you think David was a good shepherd? Yes, he was good at what he did. He always did his best.

David Is Chosen as King

One day, God told the prophet Samuel that He

would choose someone else to be king. God was not happy with Saul because Saul had disobeyed Him. God told Samuel to go to a man named Jesse. Jesse lived in a town called Bethlehem. God told Samuel he was going to choose a king from one of Jesse's sons. Samuel was a bit worried when God told him what to do. Saul was already the king. If King Saul heard that someone else was going to be the king, he would want to kill Samuel.

So Samuel told God, "How can I go and make someone else king? If Saul hears about it he'll get very angry and kill me."

God answered Saul, "Don't worry. Just say that you have come to worship Me at Bethlehem. I'll show you what to do when you get there."

So Samuel obeyed God and went to find Jesse and his family. When Samuel got to Bethlehem many important people in the town came out to meet him. They knew Samuel was a prophet, a messenger from God. They didn't know why Samuel had come to see them.

They asked Samuel, "Why have you come?"

Samuel replied, "I have come to worship God. Come with me."

Samuel asked Jesse and his sons to come too. So Jesse and his sons, along with other people in the town, went to see Samuel and worship God together. When Jesse came before Samuel, he also called his sons to walk before Samuel. The first son, David's oldest brother, passed by. He was tall and handsome—just like Saul had been.

Samuel thought to himself, "This must be the one God wants to be king. He is so tall and strong, and he is good-looking too." But this was not the person God had chosen.

God said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance, because I have refused him. For the Lord doesn't see as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." God was saying to Samuel that He did not choose the oldest brother to be king. He wanted someone who had a good heart. This oldest son was tall and handsome but that's only what he looked like on the outside. That's what people see. God looks on the inside and the king has to be good on the inside too.

Then the second son walked past Samuel. God said, "No, that's not the one either." One by one David's brothers all walked in front of Samuel.

One...two...three...four...five...six...seven. Each time, God said to Samuel, "No, that's not the one." When all seven of them had passed by, Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"No," Jesse answered, "there is one more—the youngest. He is outside working hard, looking after the sheep."

"Call him in," Samuel said. "We won't start until he is here."

So Jesse sent someone to go and find David. David probably wondered what was going on. He was doing his job looking after the sheep. Why did his father want him to come to Samuel? Even though he didn't know why, he obeyed and went to where Samuel was waiting for him. When David came, Samuel saw that he was a healthy young man with rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes. David was good-looking too. But that was not why God chose Him. He chose David because He knew David loved God in his heart. Can you guess what happened next? As soon as David walked toward Samuel, God told Samuel, "Arise, and anoint him. This is the one!" So Samuel anointed David. Samuel took out the oil and rubbed it on David's head. That was the

way to show other people that David was given a special job to do. David was going to be the new king! He was chosen especially by God to look after His people. After Samuel anointed David, the Spirit of the Lord was with David. That means that God gave him power to do God's work.

We Are Special

Today, God has chosen us to be His special children. He is our God, and we can talk to Him, pray to Him, and receive His Holy Spirit. That makes us special. When we receive the Holy Spirit, that means we can go to heaven one day. Sometimes, to be God's special people also means we need to be different from other people. For example, many people go to church on Sundays but we worship on Saturday. We are different because we are following God's command to keep the Sabbath, which is on Saturday. Many people celebrate Halloween by getting dressed up. We don't because it is a day that celebrates bad spirits. We are different because we are God's special people. God chose us because He loves us, and He wants us to love Him back by obeying His commands.



Check For Understanding

1. **Why did God choose another king to replace Saul?** (Because Saul disobeyed God.)
2. **How would God feel if we disobeyed Him?** (He would be sad.)
3. **What can we do in order to make God happy?** (We can obey our parents, we can obey our teacher, and we can pray to God to help us.)
4. **God found another person to be the next king. Who was he?** (David.)
5. **What did David do to help his family? Did he do his job well?** (He was a shepherd. He looked after his sheep very well.)
6. **What kind of animals did David kill to protect his sheep?** (Lions and bears.)

7. **Why was David not afraid of the bears and lions?** (He wasn't afraid because he knew God would help him.)
8. **When Samuel went to see Jesse and his sons, he thought God would pick the one who was tall and strong. But what did God tell him?** (God told Samuel that man looks at the outside, but God looks at the heart.)
9. **When David was anointed by Samuel, what did this mean?** (He would be the next king of Israel.)
10. **God chose us because He wants us to be His special people. What does it mean to be His special people?** (It means we can pray to Him because He is our God, we can go to heaven one day, and we need to obey His commands, which sometimes means doing different things than the rest of the world.)



Life Application Story

To Celebrate or Not to Celebrate

Rachel was excited. Her preschool teacher told everyone in the class that Thursday was Halloween. Everybody was going to dress up as something special and they were going to have a parade.

During play time, Rachel chatted excitedly with her friends. They were all thinking about what they were going to wear.

"I want to be a pumpkin. I can ask my mom to paint my face orange," Oliver said.

"I have a white bed sheet at home I can use so that I can be a ghost," James said as he waved his arms over his head.

"I don't know what to wear yet. I will have to ask my mom. But I can't wait to dress up," Rachel said happily.

Rachel was really looking forward to the parade. She had never been in one before. When her mom came to pick her up, she couldn't wait to share her exciting news.

"Mommy! Mommy!" Rachel called as she ran up to her.

"What are you so happy about?" Mrs. Hayes asked as she walked with Rachel to the car.

"Mommy, the teacher said that we're having a parade on Thursday, and we have to get a costume right away. Everyone's so excited. What can I dress up as?" asked Rachel. "Maybe I can be a pirate. I could wear an eye patch and carry a sword!"

"Let's slow down a little," said Mrs. Hayes as she opened the car door. Rachel climbed into the back of the car. Mrs. Hayes buckled her in and then instead of getting into the front to drive home, she sat next to Rachel.

"Does this parade have to do with Halloween?" asked Mrs. Hayes.

"Yes, that's why we have to get dressed up."

"I know you're really excited about dressing up as a pirate, but don't you remember we talked about this before?" asked Mrs. Hayes.

Rachel thought for a moment.

"No," came her reply.

Mrs. Hayes continued to explain, "We talked about why we don't celebrate Halloween."

"Why can't we celebrate Halloween?" asked

Rachel.

"That's because we worship Jesus. Jesus is about love and not about scary things. People used to dress up on Halloween to scare away ghosts and other scary things," Mrs. Hayes said. "They believed that if they dressed up as scary things, they would scare the ghosts away."

"But the parade at school is for fun. The teacher didn't say we would be scaring anything away," protested Rachel.

"Well, maybe the parade at school is just for fun but if we got dressed up and paraded around, we are still a part of this Halloween celebration. Jesus is our Lord. He is always protecting us. We don't have to dress up to scare away ghosts and scary things," said Mrs. Hayes.

"But I'll be the only one who doesn't dress up!" Rachel said. She was sad.

"Rachel, I know it's hard sometimes. But it's okay to be different from other people. Actually, being different is what makes you special in God's eyes," Mrs. Hayes said.

"But I won't have any fun when all my friends are dressed up," said Rachel.

"I will talk to the teacher tomorrow and find out when the parade is going to be. Maybe we can go to school later, or you could stay home with me and we can do something special together," offered Mrs. Hayes.

Rachel didn't know what to say. She was just sad. Mrs. Hayes slipped out of the backseat and got into the driver's seat. As she was about to drive off, Rachel thought of another question.

"Mom, did Cathy get dressed up before?"

"No, Cathy did not get dressed up before," answered Mrs. Hayes. "Maybe you can talk to her about it when we get home. She could tell you how she felt and that might make you feel better about not taking part in Halloween."

"Okay," Rachel said as she looked out the window. She wasn't feeling really great about missing the parade but she knew her mom was always right about God. She knew she should listen to her.

Questions to Think About

1. **Why was Rachel sad?** (She couldn't dress up and be a part of the parade.)
2. **Why don't we take part in Halloween?** (It is about ghosts and other scary things. It is not something God would want us to celebrate.)

3. **Have you celebrated Halloween before?** (Allow students to share. Do not be judgmental but do

emphasize again why we don't take part in Halloween.)



Activity 1

David Is Chosen As King

Review the story by talking about what David did. Fill in the blanks with words from the word bank.

1. David looked after the _____. (sheep)
2. David killed a _____. (bear)
3. David was anointed by _____. (Samuel)
4. David praised _____. (God) with his songs.



Activity 2

We Are Special Because...

What are some of the things we can do because we believe in God? Talk about how each of these things makes us special and privileged.

1. We can come to church.
2. We can pray to God.
3. We can read the Bible.
4. We can pray for the Holy Spirit.



Activity 3

God Looks At the Heart

Materials:

1. person pattern
2. colored construction paper
3. pencils and markers
4. scissors
5. glue

Directions:

1. Provide each student with a person pattern (see page 33).
2. Help the students trace the pattern onto colored construction paper and cut out. (The students could also use the white paper pattern if they don't want to use construction paper.)
3. After the pattern is cut out, help them cut out a heart (use red construction paper) to fit in the

middle of the person.

4. Help the students write "God looks at the heart" on the person. Also include the students' names. They can draw in the eyes, nose and ears.
5. If time allows, discuss what God looks at inside of us (e.g. if we are full of love, if we are kind, etc.).

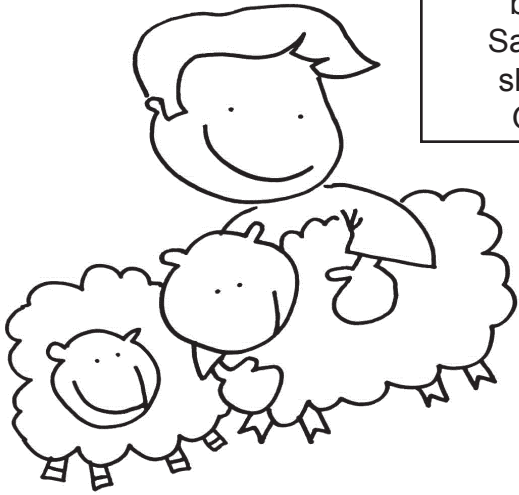
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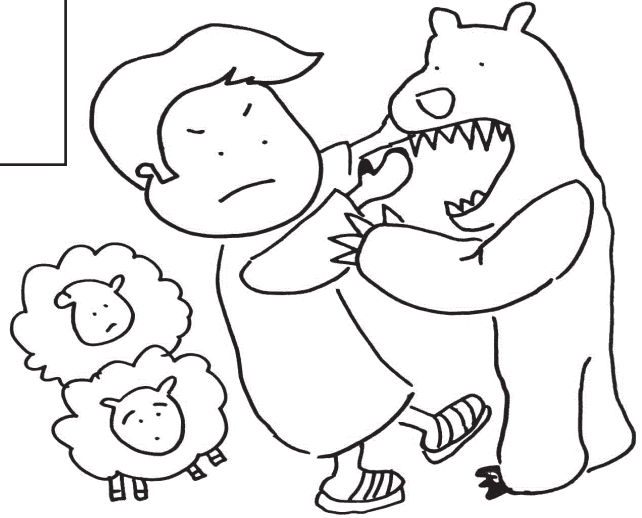
What were some things David did?
Fill in the blanks with words from the word bank.

WORD BANK

bear
Samuel
sheep
God



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Activity 4:2

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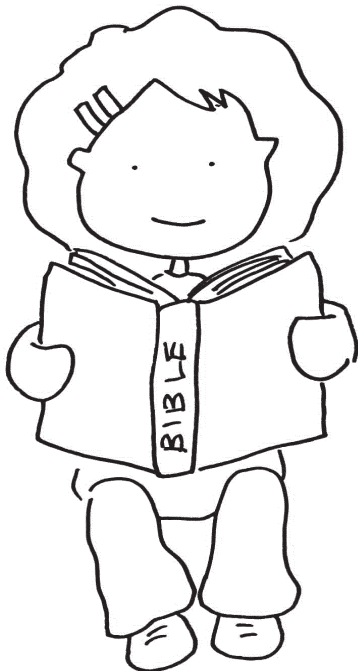
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Person Pattern

