

# LESSON 6

## SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID

### BEFORE YOU TEACH

#### Anointment

When a person was anointed, oil was poured or smeared over the person's head. Anointment in Old Testament times was used to set a certain person apart for God's use. While the Old Testament mentions an instance in which a prophet was anointed (1 Kgs 19:16), the main religious function of anointing was to ordain rulers (1 Kgs 1:39; 1 Chr 29:22). Through this act, a king became "God's anointed," and therefore had the authority to rule by divine right.

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENTS

This week, you will help your students understand that God does not judge by outward appearances, but looks into our inner hearts. It is human nature to make quick judgments based on looks. Sometimes, it may help us find similarities with potential friends or avoid dangerous encounters. Even believers can fall into the trap of judging by appearances, honoring the rich and attractive, but despising the poor and shabby (Jas 2:1-4).

What really matters to God is a person's heart and attitude toward Him. God is the only One who knows our hearts—the real you and me—as well as our inner feelings and deepest thoughts. We may be familiar with many Bible verses about loving other people, but deep down inside we often have mean thoughts about others. Perhaps during religious education classes we sing songs about loving Jesus, but during the week we seldom think about Him. Explain to your students that sooner or later, what we think and feel on the inside will come out in what we say and do. We may be able to fool our parents or teachers for a while, but when God looks at our hearts, He sees the truth.

God wants our good actions toward Him and others to begin on the inside. The Bible tells us, "Above else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Prov 4:23 NIV). Encourage your students to examine their hearts this week and to ask God if there is anything there that displeases Him. If there is, they should confess and repent to God in prayer so that their hearts may be right before God. As we correct our hearts before the Lord, our actions will soon follow.

### BIBLE TEXT

1 Samuel 16:1-13

### BIBLE TRUTH

God judges us according to what is in our hearts.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To learn not to judge by appearances, but rather to treat everyone fairly and kindly.
2. To be anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord looks at the heart."

(1 Samuel 16:7b)

### PRAYER

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. We thank You, Lord, for Your wonderful love and protection through this past week. We come here again to worship You with all our hearts. We know that You are a God that doesn't judge us by what's on the outside, by how we look, or even by what we do, but by what's inside, by what we think, and by who we really are. Please help us to love You from the bottom of our hearts, and please also help us to love one another by looking at others' hearts and not judging others only by their looks. Hallelujah! Amen.

## VOCABULARY

**reject:** to dislike, to turn something or someone away

**refuse:** to be unwilling to do something

**anoint:** to pour oil or rub ointment on someone or something

**oil:** plant-based oil used to pour on the head of the person chosen to be a priest or a king

**handsome:** good-looking, nice to look at, attractive

## REVIEW

Last week, we learned how Saul sinned against God by disobeying His command. Raise your hand if you remember what he did. He offered a sacrifice that only a priest was supposed to offer. Because Saul sinned, what did God say He was going to do? [Call on a student.] He would choose someone else to be king; Saul and his family would no longer rule Israel. What did we learn from Saul's disobedience? [Call on another student.] We learned that we should always obey the Lord's commands.

This week, we will learn how God chose someone else to be king, someone whose heart was the same as God's.

## BIBLE STORY

### The Lord Tells Samuel to Choose Another King

One day, the Lord said to His prophet Samuel, "How much longer will you feel sorry for King Saul? I have rejected him and refused to let him be king of Israel any longer. Take some oil with you and go to a man named Jesse who lives in Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

Samuel replied, "If I do that, Saul will find out and have me killed." Saul was a powerful king and could order anyone who opposed him to be killed. Choosing a new king would have made Saul very angry.

The Lord said, "Take along a calf and say you are going there to offer it as a sacrifice to me. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which one of his sons to choose." Even though it seemed like a difficult mission, God told Samuel exactly how to carry it out. Today, God may ask us to do difficult things like talking to our friends about God's blessings in our lives, but when we pray, His Holy Spirit teaches us how to do these tasks.

### Samuel Chooses from Jesse's Sons

If you were Samuel, would you have risked your life to obey God or would you have tried to protect yourself and disobey Him? If we remember what happened to King Saul when he disobeyed God, would we choose to obey or disobey?

Samuel was a wise and faithful servant, so he did what the Lord told him. When he came to Bethlehem, the town elders were terribly afraid and asked him, "Is this a friendly, peaceful visit?"

"Yes, it is!" Samuel answered. "I have come to offer a sacrifice to the Lord. Prepare yourselves to take part in the sacrifice, then come with me." He also invited Jesse and his sons to join him.

When Jesse and his sons got there, Samuel saw Jesse's

oldest son, Eliab, and thought to himself, "He is surely the one the Lord has chosen."

But the Lord told Samuel, "Do not choose him just because he is tall and handsome. He is not the one I have chosen. People judge others by what they look like, but I do not. I judge people by what is in their hearts." Even though Samuel had only thought this to himself, God knew what was in his heart.

Jesse told his son Abinadab to go to Samuel, but Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen him."

After this, Jesse sent Shammah to him, and Samuel again said, "The Lord has not chosen him." Jesse sent seven of his sons to Samuel, but each time Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen him."

### Samuel Anoints David King

Lastly, Samuel asked Jesse, "Do you have any more sons?"

Jesse answered, "Yes, my youngest son David is out taking care of the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him! We won't start the sacrifice until he gets here."

Jesse sent for David, and he came. He was a healthy, good-looking boy. The Lord told Samuel, "This is the one! Get up and anoint him." Samuel poured the oil on David's head while his brothers watched. Can you imagine how surprised his father, his brothers, and the town leaders were? Samuel didn't anoint the one who was older, taller, and good-looking, but the one who was young and healthy. This shows us that God can see into a person's heart, and that He can do great wonders and miracles through people that might not be very beautiful, smart, or even talented. If He could choose a boy like David to be the king of Israel, He can also choose you to serve him in many important ways.

During the anointment, the Spirit of the Lord came upon David and stayed with him from then on. Even though David didn't look like the best person to become king, God's Spirit came to help him. Today, we also have

the Holy Spirit to help us do God's work—all we need to start is to have a willing heart.

After anointing David, Samuel returned home to Ramah.

### CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

1. **Why did God tell Samuel to choose another king?** God had rejected Saul because Saul didn't obey Him.
2. **What did Samuel tell the elders of Bethlehem when he came to visit?** He came to offer a sacrifice to God.
3. **When Samuel saw Jesse's oldest son Eliab, what did he think?** He thought Eliab was surely the one God had chosen.
4. **Why do you think Samuel thought that Eliab was God's chosen king?** Eliab was tall and handsome.
5. **What did God tell Samuel after he judged Eliab by his looks?** God does not judge people by what they look like, but by what's in their hearts.
6. **How many of David's brothers were not chosen by God as king?** All seven.
7. **What was David doing when he was called?** Taking care of the sheep.
8. **What did David look like?** Young and healthy.
9. **Who was finally anointed king?** David.
10. **How was David anointed?** Samuel poured oil over him.

### MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE

Please reinforce the memory verse every week.  
You can practice the memory verse with your students anytime during class.

**"The Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7b)**

### HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

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

2-4.	Shepherd's Staff	King's Crown	Prophet's Oil Horn
	David	Saul	Samuel
	I tend sheep. I have 7 brothers.	I disobeyed God. I was rejected by God.	I anoint with oil. I went to Bethlehem.

5. tall, handsome
6. Abinadab, Shammah
7. Spirit, Lord
8. People judge by looking at appearances. God judges by looking at the heart.
9. Samuel anointed him with oil; the spirit of the Lord came upon David.
10. Answers may vary.

## SPIRITUAL TEACHING & LIFE APPLICATION

**1. God is a fair judge who looks into a person's heart instead of at his outward appearance.**

**As Christians, we should not treat others differently because of their looks, their background, or any other quality.**

**Our duty is to treat them respectfully, kindly, and lovingly so that we can be a good testimony for the Lord.**

**1. Do you think it is possible for a boy or girl to look one way on the outside and be different on the inside?**

In Luke 18:9-14, Jesus told a parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector. Even though the Pharisee looked like someone who was very close to God because he prayed in front of others, fasted, and gave tithes, God saw that he was not a very good person inside. Nobody could see his heart, but God could see that the Pharisee was proud. Even though the tax collector may have looked like a sinner on the outside, God saw that he was humble on the inside. God listened to the tax collector's prayer instead of the Pharisee's prayer because the tax collector had a humble heart before God when he prayed for God's mercy.

**2. How can we tell what a person is really like on the inside?**

It is very difficult to know who a person really is inside. We need to be willing to see a person through God's eyes. His eyes are full of love, and He is very compassionate (Ex 34:6; Ps 51:1, 86:15, 116:5; Isa 30:18; Joel 2:13; 2 Cor 1:3). He looks for what we do well (especially when no one else might see it), not for what we do wrong or how bad we look, and encourages us to do what is right. We can ask God to help us see what He sees in a person's heart.

**3. Have you ever been judged or mistreated for your outward appearance? How did it feel?**

During these times, it is important to remember that God loved us long before we could even be seen. From Psalm 139:13, we know that God created us while we were in our mothers' bellies. Before we had a body, He saw us and loved us (Ps 139:16). God made us as wonderful works (Ps 139:14), and no person's hurtful words or criticisms can change how God sees us and how much He cares about us and loves us.

**4. Have you ever judged or mistrusted another person based on their looks? How did it make you feel? How do you think the other person felt?**

In Matthew 7:1-5, Jesus teaches us not to judge others. There are two reasons we should not judge and mistreat others based on their looks:

- a) We will be judged based on the same things which we use to judge others, so we must be careful with what we say about others or to others (Mt 7:1-2).
- b) We make many of the same mistakes that others make, so we need to first do what is right before we can accuse others of doing something wrong (Mt 7:3-4).

**5. Have you ever been treated nicely even when you didn't deserve it? How did it make you feel?**

In Romans 5:8, the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ died for us while we were still sinners. While we were still evil, disobedient, and not following God, Jesus was willing to receive the worst punishment for us even though He was holy and righteous. After we have received God's mercy even though we do not deserve it, we can show our love and thankfulness by living for Christ so that His sacrifice will not be in vain (Gal 2:20).

**6. How do you think someone who is being judged for their looks would feel if you treated them with respect and kindness? What would that make them think about Christians and about God?**

That person would probably be happy and grateful. He might even want to know more about God and church.

In 1 Timothy 4:12 and Titus 2:6-8, youths are encouraged to set a good example "in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity," and to show "integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned" so that nobody can say anything bad about Christians. When we treat others with respect and kindness, we are showing them the amazing God who lives inside our hearts. In this way, God may lead them to salvation by our good hearts and good behavior.

**7. What part of us really matters to God?**

God doesn't care if we are tall or short, have dark or light skin, or have long or short hair. God doesn't even care about what others may think of us. Instead, God is looking for pure hearts that seek Him (Ps 51:10; 73:1; Mt 5:8; Heb 10:22). He cares about who we really are inside and He knows how wonderful we can be when we obey Him with all our heart.

**8. How can we always try to keep our hearts right before God?**

God teaches us to be "kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph 4:32). Because we are His beloved, chosen nation, God hopes that we can be like Him by being clothed with "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" (Col 3:12 NIV). We can pray to God and ask Him to search and test our hearts, to show us what we have done wrong, and to lead us on the road to eternal life (Ps 139:23-24).

**2. We are kings, priests, and prophets under the Priest, Prophet, and King, the Lord Jesus Christ. We need to be anointed and be filled by the Holy Spirit.**

The Old Testament tells us that in Israelite society, priests, prophets, and kings were anointed as they began their official duties. For example, in Exodus 29:7, we read that Aaron the high priest was anointed before he began his ministry. God told Moses, "And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him." Similarly, in 1 Kings 19:16, God told Elijah, "Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place."

What was the significance of being anointed? By being anointed, God's workers were set apart, commissioned, and authorized by God to work for Him. They were anointed with oil, which represents the Holy Spirit. This is illustrated by Samuel when he anointed David as king of Israel at the time he was designated to replace Saul. In 1 Samuel 16:13, we read, "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers." Here, the oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, we are told that "the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward."

**Jesus Christ was anointed.**

Jesus Christ was anointed when He began His earthly ministry. Isaiah predicted this anointing in Isaiah 61:1 when he said that the Spirit of the Lord would come upon the Messiah. When John the Baptist baptized Jesus, we are told that the Holy Spirit came upon Him when He came up out of the water. In other words, he was anointed by the Holy Spirit. When Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1-2 in the synagogue of Nazareth, saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me," He was announcing to the people that He was the Messiah prophesied by Isaiah long ago and that the anointing of the Holy Spirit was now resting upon Him.

The Bible tells us that every believer of Jesus Christ is also anointed. We are kings, priests, and prophets under the Priest, Prophet, and King, the Lord Jesus Christ. It records in Acts 2:4 that on the day of Pentecost, "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Moreover, Acts 1:8 records, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**We need to be filled by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Before our Lord Jesus ascended to heaven, He promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would be a Counselor that would guide them into His truth and to empower them in their ministry. Today, we have received the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is the anointing from God. We need to understand how precious the Holy Spirit is. When we understand how the Spirit of God works to direct our lives, we will want to be filled with it to the fullest.

Read the following poem to the students.

Come, Holy Spirit, now  
To dwell within this soul  
And become  
Truly mine

Fill this heart to capacity  
And teach it love  
Wider and deeper than  
What it used to know

Mold this character  
And give it patience  
To endure hardship  
Refined through hope

To admit sin and fault  
And repent  
Self, will, and pride  
To resign

Until I am no more  
And what is left  
Truly can be  
Wholly Yours

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**ACTIVITY**

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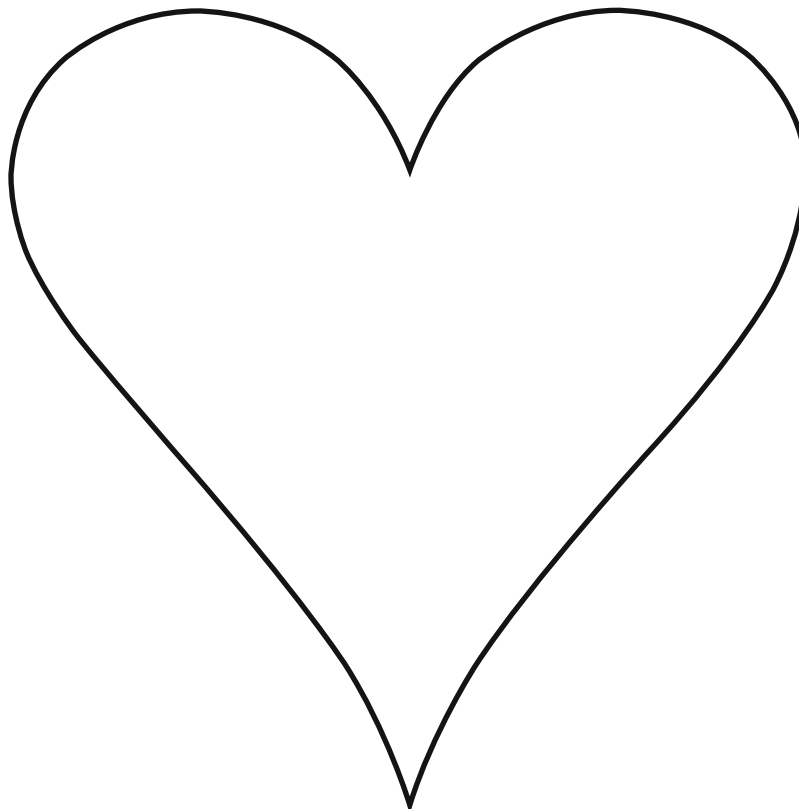
**1****Heart Match-Up****Objective:** To remind students that the Lord looks at our hearts, not at what we look like on the outside.**Preparations**

Photocopy the heart pattern, making half as many copies as you have students, plus one. Glue the hearts to construction paper. Cut all but one heart into two pieces. Make the cut different each time.

**Instructions**

1. Show the students the uncut heart, and teach them the memory verse: "The Lord looks at the heart" (1 Sam 16:7). Discuss what it means when we look at somebody's heart.
2. Give each student half a heart. On your signal, the students must try to find the other half of the heart. When they find it, both children call out "Match up!" If they are correct, they say the memory verse aloud together and may be seated while the other players match theirs.
3. Review the memory verse. Hold up one of the heart halves. Explain that as God's children, we also should not judge other people by what they look like, but by what's in their hearts. Describe the following situations and let the students say what they should do:
  - 1) There is a woman in a wheelchair waiting in line to buy ice cream. Everyone cuts in front of her. You are also waiting to buy ice cream.
  - 2) There is a classmate whose face was burned because of an accident. He seems lonely because the other kids won't play with him.
  - 3) A student in your class always seems to come to school smelling kind of bad. The other kids talk about him behind his back, and they avoid him as much as possible.
  - 4) Another classmate has glasses and always wears ugly, worn out clothes. Kids roll their eyes or snicker when it's her turn to answer or read. No one seems to want to play with her on the playground because she isn't as "cool" as the others.

Think of other situations in which your students would be tempted to act differently because of someone's appearance. Ask them how they should act instead.



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# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Truth:** God judges us according to what is in our hearts.

**Lesson Objectives:** 1. To learn not to judge by appearances, but rather to treat everyone fairly and kindly.  
2. To be anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Bible Reading:** Please put a checkmark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

**Prayer:** Please put a checkmark in the space provided on the days you prayed to God.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bible Reading							
Prayer							

## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse.

(1 Samuel 16:7b)

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## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Homework Assignment

*Understanding What You Have Learned*

1. Unscramble the memory verse.

heart    7    The    Samuel    1    looks    16    Lord    the    at

\_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ )

2-4. Draw a line between the descriptions and the matching pictures.



Shepherd's Staff

- I disobeyed God.
- I have 7 brothers.
- I went to Bethlehem.



King's Crown

- I tend sheep.
- Samuel
- David



Prophet's Oil Horn

- I anoint with oil.
- Saul
- I was rejected by God.

**Fill In the Blank**

(Abinadab    handsome    Spirit    Shammah    Lord    tall)

5. Samuel thought Eliab was the chosen king because he was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. After rejecting Eliab, God didn't choose \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ either.
7. Once David was anointed, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ came upon him.

**Short Answer**

8. What is the difference between how people judge and how God judges?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. How did people know that David was chosen to be the next king?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Life Application**

10. Fill out the table with what you think God can see in your heart today.

Things God Likes	Things God Doesn't Like