

# David Anointed King

1 Samuel 16



## The Story

The children of Israel asked the Lord to give them kings to rule their country. For many years Saul was the king. God decided to replace Saul as king so God spoke to the prophet Samuel.

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "Take oil to anoint a new king. Go to Bethlehem to a man named Jesse. I will choose a new king from his sons."

So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem.

When Samuel saw Jesse's oldest son, Eliab, he said, "Surely the Lord wants me to anoint Eliab as king."

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. Samuel said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. Again Samuel said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said

to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these. Do you have any other sons?"

Then Jesse said, "The youngest son is keeping the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him."

David came to Samuel and the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one to be king!"

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the middle of his brothers; and God was with him.

King Saul was still alive, but he did not have God's Spirit in him and he had a troubling spirit. The only thing that made him feel better was music played on a harp.

Then one of the servants told about David, who was very good at playing a harp. Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."

David came to Saul and it was whenever the troubling spirit was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

***God chose a new believing king for His people.***

## Activity One

- Fill in the blanks using the words in the WORD BOX.

heart	David	8	harp	king	Bethlehem
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1. God wanted Samuel to anoint a new \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Samuel went to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesse had \_\_\_\_\_ sons.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, the youngest son, was chosen by God.
5. God looked into his \_\_\_\_\_.
6. David played a \_\_\_\_\_ to make King Saul feel better.

*God knows all things, even the thoughts and intents of our heart.*

**Activity Two** - Read the passage in class then read the words and circle the words that are important when choosing a good friend or future spouse and cross off the words that are not important.

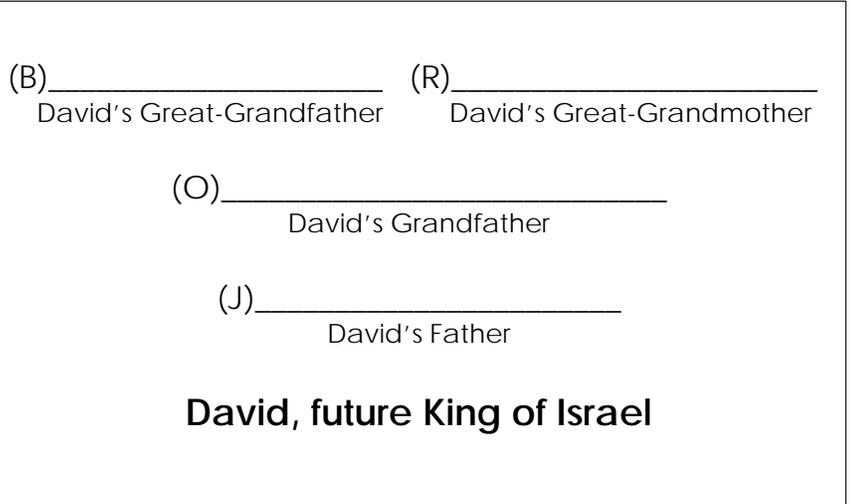
Read 1 Samuel 16:7b ***"For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."***

handsome	tall	helpful	thin
kind	God-fearing		pretty

**Activity Three** - Look at Ruth 4:13,17 below. That is the "family tree" of King David. Put the names of the people in David's family. There is a hint for each name.

Ruth 4:13 - So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.

Ruth 4:17 - Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David."



## Passage

1 Samuel 16:7 - For man looks at the outward appearance,  
but the LORD looks at the heart .

1 Corinthians 10:12 - Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

## Hymn & Prayer

 - TLH #394 v. 1, 2

My faith looks up to Thee;  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
Oh, let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire! Amen.