

## Lesson 87: God Chooses David to Replace Saul

### [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)

**Youtube Link:** [https://youtu.be/l0w3Na07H\\_0](https://youtu.be/l0w3Na07H_0)

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/C5Azf2iuxOg>

**Worship Theme:** God knows us.

**Memory Verse:** "A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart." (Proverbs 21:2)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. If You Are Happy and You Know It <https://youtu.be/SsldqdQB-9U>
2. Jesus Loves Me This I Know [https://youtu.be/R4MEw0jzZ\\_E](https://youtu.be/R4MEw0jzZ_E)
3. God Will Make a Way <https://youtu.be/pKmid-FNhhw>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: Name Your Friend!



1. Divide the children into 2 groups.
2. Select a representative from each team.
3. Each representative has to name any 5 students (or more) whom the teacher points to. The group who was able to name more students wins the game.
4. After the game, explain to the children that even if we don't know everyone's name in this room and the rest of the world, God knows everyone! God knows all of us!

### Introduction:

Ask the children to tell you everything they know about you (the teacher). Maybe the children will say, "You're a woman/man." "You're tall." "You're married/not married." After they tell you everything they know about you, tell them something that's new information for the children. Explain to the children that we may think we know everything about a person, but there are many things we don't know. Only God knows everything about us! Today, we will learn about God choosing the second king of Israel. Prophet Samuel learned that God can see into our hearts because God knows everything about us!

### Bible Story:

There came a time in the history of Israel when the people needed to choose a new king. Usually a new king was the son of the previous king. But Israel's king, Saul, had disobeyed God many times, and God decided to choose someone other than Saul's son to be the new king.

God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem, the town where Jesse lived, and prepare to make a sacrifice to God. Samuel did just as God said. He went to Jesse's town. Seven of Jesse's sons were there. Jesse had each of the seven sons pass by Samuel.

Samuel thought the first son he saw was surely the one God had chosen to be king. He was tall and good-looking. But God said, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

Seven of Jesse's sons passed by Samuel. But God hadn't chosen any of them to be the new king. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more sons. Jesse replied that the youngest son was out in the field taking care of the sheep. He was a shepherd. Samuel told Jesse to bring him. When the youngest boy came in from the pastures, God told Samuel that

this was the one who would be the new king of Israel. So he anointed Jesse's youngest son, David, with oil. David was to be the new king.

God made us, and he knows all about us. He had plans for David. God knew that David would be a good king. God has plans for us, too. God knows what's best for us because God sees what's in our hearts. God truly knows us better than we know ourselves!

### Questions to discuss:

1. Why couldn't King Saul's sons become the next king of Israel? (Because King Saul disobeyed God many times.)
2. Whose house did God send Prophet Samuel to find the next king of Israel? (Jesse's house - Jesse is the father of David)
3. Why did God not choose the seven sons who were in the house? (Because God knew their hearts and they were not good enough to be the king)
4. What was David doing while the brothers were inside the house? (He was out in the field taking care of the sheep)
5. Who was selected as the next king of Israel? (David)

### Game: "The King's Order"



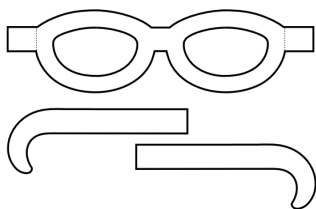
1. Explain to the children that they have to follow the actions of the teacher only when the teacher starts by saying, "The king orders..."
2. For example, when the teacher says, "The king orders you to touch your head," then everyone has to touch their head.
3. But when the teacher does not say "the King orders," then the children should not follow the action.
4. For example, when the teacher says "jump," then the children should not jump and change their action.
5. After the game, explain to the children that kings have the power to tell people what to do. And God is the King of the kings. So everyone should always follow and listen to God, our King.

### Memory Verse:

"A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart." (Proverbs 21:2)

### Craft: God Can See Our Hearts - Glasses

Materials Needed: Print the paper glasses from below, crayons, scissors, glue



1. Print the glasses template and give one set to each child.
2. Have the children decorate the glasses.
3. Once they're done, cut out the glasses and the legs. Glue the legs to the glasses.
4. Put on the glasses and say, "God

knows me! God can see my heart!"



**Song:** Select songs from the list above

### Pray

#### Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus does not care that we look like good Christians; appearance really doesn't matter much. What Jesus wants most is for our hearts to be totally devoted to him. Reread 1 Samuel 16:7. When have you done some act of service at church, even though your heart really wasn't in it, just to avoid looking bad in front of others? How honored do you think God was by your actions? God has done so much for us! Seek daily to keep your heart focused on God.

# God Can See Our Hearts - Glasses

