

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: GOD CHOSE US

God sent Samuel on a quest to find the next king. A big, strong guy? Nope. This really smart guy? Nope. How about this young shepherd? Yes, he's the one! God made it clear that he was not looking at the outside, as man does. God looks at the heart, and he chose David! God loved David and called him a man after his own heart. And God loves us just as he loved David. So much so that he has chosen us to be part of his family through Jesus Christ! Today as we learn about Samuel choosing David, we will also be reminded of how God has chosen us!



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

1 Samuel 16:1-13 from the NIV
Pages 173-176 in the [Read with Me Bible](#)

STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
Kingdom Quest - Week 2



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR YOUNGER KIDS: God Chooses David

Materials: None

God sent Samuel to choose the new king. God wanted someone who had a good heart—someone who loved him and followed him. You see, God doesn't care what we look like on the outside. He cares about what is in our heart.

So when Samuel went to Jesse's house and asked to see each of his sons, it was David that God picked! David was the youngest and smallest of all the brothers! But God knew that David was the one because of what was in his heart!

Do a finger-play activity with your family.

1. Have everyone stand up and hold up one finger. Have them say with you, "I'm brother number one, and I want the crown!"
Then you say, "God didn't pick you. You sit down." Everyone should sit down.
2. Everyone jumps up again, this time holding up two fingers. They say, "I'm brother number two, and I want the crown!"
You say, "God didn't pick you. You sit down."
3. Repeat for brothers three, four, five, six and seven.
4. For brother number EIGHT, you will do something different.
5. Everyone jumps up and says, "I'm brother number eight. I'm too young, right? But I love God with all my might!"
You say: "Yes, David, you'll be king one day! You love the Lord and sing and pray!"



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FOR OLDER KIDS: A Good King

Materials: Paper, pen, red marker

What makes a good king? Ask your family members to brainstorm ideas. Should a king be strong? Smart? A good leader? Write their ideas on the paper using your pen.

All these things are important qualities for a king to have. In our Bible story today, what was God looking for in a king? Someone with a good heart! Someone that loved and followed him!

On your paper draw a big red heart over all the words you wrote.

That is why God chose David to be king. David seemed to be the least qualified to become royalty. But God knew David's heart and that made him the perfect choice!



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