



UNIT 2: GOD BLESSES THE FAITHFUL

LESSON 3: 1 SAMUEL & 2 SAMUEL



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God looks at our hearts.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that having a pure heart is the most pleasing thing to God.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Samuel 16:1-13 – Samuel Anoints David

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

God told Samuel to choose a new king. After looking at Jesse's sons, he didn't choose the biggest, strongest, or even oldest. He chose David because of his pure heart.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to have pure hearts.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

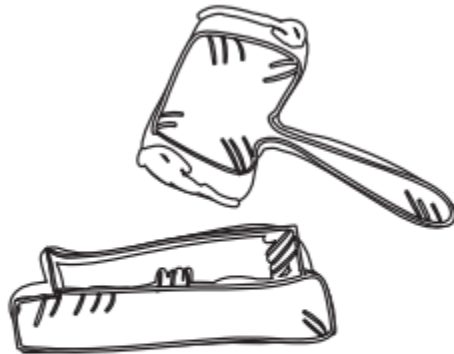
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"Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." Ruth 1:16b (NLT)

"For whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth 1:16b (KJV)



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INTRO:

Choose two kids to stand by you. They should be two kids who look very different from each other.

Tell me what you see that is different between these two volunteers. Answers may be that they have different heights, hair color, etc. It's easy for us to see how they look different on the outside, but what about on the inside? Does anyone have x-ray vision to see inside their skin? Can you see their bones or their lungs, or more importantly, their heart?

All of us look different on the outside. And that's ok because God made us each differently, but we are going to learn today that what's on the outside isn't what matters. God cares about what's on the inside. He wants to take a closer look at our hearts, just like He did with David.

READ 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13**MAIN POINT:**

During this time in our big God story, Samuel was a man who was a leader for the Israelite people. He helped solve their problems and did many things God asked him to do. He had an important task in 1 Samuel. The people had begged God for a king to rule over them. They weren't satisfied with just judges. God knew that an earthly king wouldn't solve all their problems, so he held off for a while, but finally gave them a king. Saul was the first king of Israel, but soon enough, Saul's actions did not match what God told him to do, so a new king was needed.

To choose, Samuel went to the house of Jesse, who had eight sons. Seven of them lined up before Samuel. God had told Samuel He would show him what to do.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

By looking, Samuel thought that Eliab must be the chosen one. Perhaps he was tall and strong and handsome. But Eliab wasn't the right choice.

Abinadab, Shammah, and four others didn't pass the test either. Samuel questioned Jesse to see if he had any more sons. There was one more, David, who was the youngest. He was away taking care of the sheep. It wasn't even a thought for him to be in the original lineup, but Samuel demanded to see him.

When David arrived, Samuel knew. David was healthy and had a good appearance, but those aren't the reasons he was chosen. God reminded Samuel that while man looks at the outward appearance, God looks at the heart. David's heart was pure. He was just the man that God wanted to be the next leader of His people.

DRIVE IT HOME:

That day, Samuel anointed David. The Bible says that the Spirit of the Lord came upon David. God was with him, and ready to lead him into being Israel's next king. David wasn't perfect. As king, sometimes he messed up, but he did his best to follow God's plan and lead the people in a way that God desired. In his heart, he wanted to please God.

It's important for us to remember that when God looks at us, he's not looking at our outward appearance. Wearing name brand clothes, having big muscles, and having your hair combed just right aren't things that are important to God. Your heart (just like David's) is what is most important to God. He looks at how we treat people, how we make decisions, and how we follow Him.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for creating us to have a heart that loves You.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

If you were chosen to be king or queen for a day, what are some things you would do?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Say the memory verse using the following voices: grandpa voice, dad voice, little brother voice.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

You will need a toy crown. Have kids sit in a circle. Choose one person to be 'it'. That person will walk around the outside of the circle holding the crown. They will place the crown behind someone sitting in the circle. They can try to do this without that person noticing. The person who was chosen must pick up the crown behind them and chase the other person around the circle. The first runner tries to make it back around the circle to sit in the chosen person's spot. Repeat allowing each child a turn to be chosen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who did God reject as the first king? (1 Samuel 16:1)
- Whose son would become the next king? (1 Samuel 16:1)
- Where did Samuel go to choose the next king? (1 Samuel 16:4)
- Who did Samuel think would be the king at first? (1 Samuel 16:6)
- What does the Lord look at? (1 Samuel 16:7)
- How many sons did Jesse have? (1 Samuel 16:10-11)
- What did Samuel put on David to anoint him as king? (1 Samuel 16:13)
- What did David receive when he was anointed? (1 Samuel 16:13)

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Items needed:

A heart cutout for each kid, markers or crayons

Kids will create a character heart by listing positive qualities about themselves. You may need to help write these down for the younger kids. Challenge older kids to come up with more qualities.

In our story today, we learned that our hearts are important to God. He wants us to have pure hearts like David did. Think about some positive characteristics you have. Examples might be: honest, kind, helper, good friend. Write these down on your heart as a reminder to always show these things.

Optional: Leaders may list a positive characteristic they see in each child by adding one to each child's heart.



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

The Year Long Bible Journey 1 & 2 Samuel

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: 1 & 2 SAMUEL



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

This week we learned that David was chosen as the new king of Israel. Samuel was sent to pick him out and anoint him. God reminded Samuel that He looks not at our outward appearance, but rather our heart. 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Samuel Anoints David



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Tell your child about a time when you wrongly judged someone based on their appearance. Ask them to share if they have ever done that before. Challenge each other to remember that it's what on the inside that should be important to us because that's what's important to God.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- How do you think you can have a pure heart?
- What's the opposite of having a pure heart? What are some behaviors you might have?
- How do you think David used his pure heart to be a good king?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"Never stop reading this Book of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything written in it. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success." Joshua 1:8 (NIV)



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

We can be so guilty of judging people based on their outward appearance, and when we do this, our children are watching. If you're in the habit of doing this, catch yourself and change it. If you hear your child do this, remind them that our hearts, not our outside is what matters to God.

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Supplemental Week 7 Readings

1 SAMUEL

Hannah Ch. 1

Samuel Ch. 1 - Ch. 8

King Saul Ch. 9 - Ch. 15

David and Goliath Ch. 17

2 SAMUEL

David made King Ch. 1 - Ch. 2

David's reign Ch. 1 - Ch. 10

David's fall from grace Ch. 11 - Ch. 18

David thanks God Ch. 18

David's offering to God Ch. 24



Hannah brought Samuel to meet Eli.



Samuel anointed a boy named David to be king after Saul, who had become too proud and had forgotten to give all the glory to God. - **1 Samuel 16**

