



## BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 25

### DAVID ANOINTED (1 SAMUEL 16)

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Open:** Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

**Supplies:** Tissue paper cut up, heart cut outs, glue.

**Ask:**

- Who did Samuel anoint as king in our story last week? (Saul)
- What was Saul doing when he was anointed? (Looking for his dad's donkeys)
- What Did Saul do when he was chosen king before the people of Israel? (Hid among the baggage)

**Summarize**

Saul was King for a while, and for a while it went well. But God told Saul to take a city and destroy it because of some wicked things the Amalekites had done. Saul, however, didn't destroy it. He kept the good and strong animals alive, along with their king. It is likely that Saul wanted to keep the good things of the Amalekites as plunder for himself and his army. In doing this, he disobeyed God.

Because he disobeyed God, God decided to remove him as king. While Samuel was on the way to tell him, Saul built a monument for himself at Carmel. When Samuel met him, he rebuked Saul and told him the Lord had rejected him as king over Israel.

Today, we're going to learn about the king who came next.

**Read:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Ask:**

- Did God choose who Samuel thought he would choose? (No)
- What was Samuel looking at?
- Do you remember that when Saul was king, he was a head taller than everyone else? People probably thought he would be a great warrior and were impressed with him because he was handsome and tall.
- But God actually chose the "runt" of the family. He was considered so insignificant that his father didn't even call him in from the fields to meet Samuel to begin with.

**Activity:**

This is very dependent on your class and the kids you have. Mine loved it, but I could see others being far too embarrassed to do this activity. If you can't get volunteers, have the adults do it.

Create a type of bachelor game. Have as many adults (or kid volunteers) as you can try to "strut their stuff," giving strength poses and such. Have an announcer use an announcer voice to give their bio (below) on why they should become king. See the fictional Bios at the end of the lesson.

**Craft:**

What did God look at? (the heart). Let's make beautiful hearts to remind ourselves that God isn't concerned about our outward appearance, but our hearts.

Cut out the hearts at the end of the lesson. On one of the hearts, cut out the middle as well, leaving only the outline. On the full heart, glue tissue paper to make a stained-glass window look. Then, glue the heart outline over top to cover the edges.

**Apply:**

You might be great at activities, or strong, or good looking, but God is concerned about your heart. He wants us to have humble hearts, willing to serve and obey him. He wants us to love him with all our hearts and to love others the way we love ourselves. He wants us to look like Jesus, and we do that by seeking him and learning from his word what that means. This week, when you look in the mirror, also think about your heart. Maybe put your heart craft on the mirror, to remind you of what God looks at.

**Comic Book Bibles:**

Have the kids draw the story of the brothers being passed over and David being anointed king. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

**Memorize:** 1 Samuel 16:7

**Close in Prayer**



### Brother 1

Step right up and check out Eliab!  
He's strong, he's tall. Just look at  
those muscles and that height! The  
Philistines would be no match for  
him! He's everything you could want  
in a king! What do you say Samuel?

### Brother 2

Abinadab, talk a walk in front of  
Samuel. What swagger, what  
confidence. This is a man who could  
lead an army. He's got the walk, he's  
got the look. What do you say? Could  
*he* be the next king of Israel?

### Brother 3

Alright, Samuel is a bit picky, but how  
could he possibly pass over  
Shammah? Shammah is a master  
wood cutter, he could build up cities  
and fortify towns. He's who you want  
if you want strength and ingenuity!  
What do you say, Samuel?

### Brother 4

Alright, have no fear, we aren't done  
yet! We've still got brother #4. He's  
tall, he's quiet, but he can put up a  
scrappy fight! The best wrestler of  
the brothers, he could wrestle an  
enemy to the ground, surely he is the  
next king!

### Brother 5

Maybe those other guys just aren't  
smart enough, but have no fear,  
brother 5 is a wise guy! Top in his  
class and always ready to study, this  
is a man who will keep accounts and  
know his way around the law. What  
do you say, Samuel?

### Brother 6

The pickings are dwindling, but we're  
not worried. Brother 6 is sure to be  
your man. He's fast and he's clever.  
He can outwit the most daring  
enemies by his tricks. Is he your next  
King?

### Brother 7

At this point, this must be our King.  
He's young, but he could rule well.  
Eager to learn and ready to prove his  
worth to the world, brother 7 will do  
anything he can to prove he has what  
it takes. What grit! What  
determination. Show me your king!

### David:

Well sure, he's handsome and  
healthy, but he isn't big. Dirty and  
stinky from looking after animals,  
he's a bit lowly for a king. Good with a  
sling, and strong against a bear, but  
this couldn't possibly be the future  
king, could it?

