



3RD - 5TH

10.4
Samuel Anointed David



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

Have you ever helped pick out fresh fruits or vegetables from a grocery store or market? What do you look for when picking the best fruits or vegetables?



WHAT'S INSIDE?

Start by 9:20/10:45

Set out the four paper bags (three colorful ones and one plain brown one). Ask kids what they think is inside each bag, and then ask which bag they would choose to open and why. Reveal what is inside each bag, showing that only the plain bag contains stickers. Offer a sticker to each kid.

We made our choices based on what we could see, but appearances don't always tell the whole story. Samuel almost judged Jesse's sons by their outward appearance, but God reminded him that people look at what is visible, while He looks at the heart. God sees our character, our attitudes, and our desire to follow Him—not just what others can see.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles, and have kids open their Bibles to 1 Samuel 16. **Like David, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus is from the family of King David.** Choose someone to read 1 Samuel 16:7.

- What does this verse teach us about the difference between what people see and what God sees?
- Why do you think God chose David instead of one of his older brothers?
- What are some ways we can show that our hearts want to follow God?
- Why is Jesus the perfect King?

God chose David as king for a different reason than people expected. When Saul was chosen as king, people focused on what they could see on the outside, like his height and appearance. When God chose David, He looked at David's heart. David was not perfect, but he had a heart that trusted God and wanted to follow Him. God sees our hearts too. He knows what we love and what we desire. We can ask God to help us have hearts that love Him and trust Him. When we trust in Jesus, God changes our hearts and helps us follow Him. Jesus is the perfect King who always trusted and obeyed God.



DISCUSSION

Why do you think people focus so much on outward appearances?

People often focus on outward appearances because we naturally notice what we can see. The things we value and desire can affect how we view others. For example, someone who values money might look up to people who are wealthy, or someone who values popularity might focus on people who are admired by the world. But God reminds us that what matters most is what is in a person's heart. (Optional: Choose a volunteer to read 1 Samuel 16:7.)

How can we have a heart that pleases God?

Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). God is pleased when we treasure Him above everything else. We show that God is important to us through our faith in Him and by following Him. When we trust God, He changes our hearts and helps us obey Him. (Optional: Choose a volunteer to read Acts 13:22.)

How does the Holy Spirit help us live for God?

After David was anointed, the Holy Spirit came upon him and gave him the help he needed to lead God's people. Today, the Holy Spirit is with everyone who trusts in Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us strength to follow God, helps us remember His Word, guides our choices, and helps us share God's love with others. (Optional: Choose a volunteer to read Acts 1:8.)



HEART SEARCH

Hide the prepared paper hearts around the room. Invite kids to search for the hearts and bring them back together. Once all the hearts are found, read each statement aloud and sort them into two groups: "What People Notice" and "What God Sees."

The things people notice about us are not always the things that matter most to God. God sees beyond what others can see and knows our hearts. David was not chosen because he looked the most impressive—God chose him because He saw a heart that trusted Him. God sees our hearts too, and through Jesus, He helps us grow to love Him and follow Him.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.