



K - 2ND

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:

What does an X-ray do? Why do people get X-rays?



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 picked a bag because of how it looked on the outside. Samuel almost did the same thing when he looked at Jesse's sons. But God told Samuel that people look at what they can see, while God looks at the heart. God knows what is inside each of us, and He cares about our hearts more than how we look.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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

- What does God see that people cannot?
- Why did God choose David to be king?
- What are some ways we can show that we love God with our hearts?
- Who knows our hearts better than anyone?

God did not choose David because he looked like the strongest or was the most important son. God chose David because He saw his heart. God knows each one of us, too. He sees our hearts and loves us. God sent Jesus, the perfect King, so we can know Him and follow Him every day.



DISCUSSION

Have kids discuss these questions with a partner sitting close to them first to encourage participation. Then discuss as a whole group.

What did Samuel do to David after God chose him to be king?

Samuel anointed David with oil. In the Bible, oil was used to show that God had chosen someone for a special purpose. The oil did not have special powers, but it was a symbol that David was chosen by God to be king.

What happened after David was anointed with oil?

After David was anointed, God sent the Holy Spirit to help him. David needed God's Spirit to help him lead God's people in what was good and right. Today, the Holy Spirit helps God's people know and follow God's truth, gives us strength, and helps us become more like Jesus.

Do you ever judge someone by what they look like on the outside? Why?

God told Samuel that people look at what is visible, but God looks at the heart. Sometimes we make choices about people based on things we can see, like their clothes, the things they have, or the way they talk. But God cares about who a person is on the inside. He wants us to look for kindness, love, and the good things God is growing in someone's heart.



WHAT DOES GOD SEE?

Designate one side of the room as "What People See" and the other side as "What God Sees." Explain that you will say something about a person, and kids should move to the side of the room that matches. If it is something people can see on the outside, they should go to the "What People See" side. If it is something God sees in someone's heart, they should go to the "What God Sees" side.

People can see things about us on the outside, like what we look like or the things we do, but God knows our hearts. He knows our thoughts, our choices, and the ways we show love to Him and others. God chose David because He saw that David had a heart that wanted to follow Him. God knows our hearts too. He sent Jesus, our perfect King, to show us His love and help us follow God each day.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.