

>>> COMMUNITY KIDS <<<

GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING

1 SAMUEL 16



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Ask God to help you not judge people by their looks, intelligence, or popularity. Ask God to help you see people the way He sees them and to love them the way He wants you to love them. How does God view people differently than the world? How does being made in the image of God give all people value?
- **Evenings:** Praise God for using the unlikely and unexpected to accomplish His plans and bring glory to Himself! How was Jesus a different type of king than what people expected? How might God want to use you and your friends to bring Him glory?

>>> MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is grace?

Grace is when God gives us something good even when we do not deserve it.

Dear Families,

In 2016, a bidder at Sotheby's auction paid \$61,250 for a small piece of fungus! Before you think he was too crazy, this fungus was a European White Truffle, a rare delicacy. Chefs from around the world crave truffles to use in their recipes. Even though a truffle is a fungus that grows in the dirt, it has been set apart as one of the most treasured foods in the world.

If you stumbled across a truffle in the wild, you might not even know what it is. It doesn't look like something that could sell for thousands of dollars. Much like truffles, it can be hard to judge people just by looking at the outside. When God told Samuel to find the next king of Israel, it would've been easy to look for the strongest warrior, wisest teacher, or most handsome prince. Instead, God chose David, a young shepherd boy who was the youngest of his family.

David didn't look like the obvious choice for king, but God saw beyond his appearance and treasured David as the king He wanted. Much later, God would send another king that looked different than what the people expected. His name is Jesus, and He is the King above all kings!

Samuel anointed David, setting him apart to be the next king. God's choice for Israel's king was surprising; David was the youngest in his family, but God saw David's heart for the Lord. When Jesus came to earth, He seemed like a surprising choice for a king. Jesus is the perfect King who saves us from our sin and reigns forever.

Pray: *God, we praise You because You are wise! You give purpose and value to those the world might overlook. We praise You for seeing beyond what we can see and using all things for Your glory!*

FAMILY ACTIVITIES<<<

For Fun: As a family, take a trip to the grocery store and pick out fruit that looks delicious. Discuss how we can usually tell if fruit will be good on the inside by how it looks on the outside, but people are not the same. We can't tell about a person's heart on the inside by looking on the outside. Only God knows everyone's heart.

To Serve: Ask your church staff for a list of kids who attend your church. Send a card or gift to each kid with a note that challenges them to love Jesus and serve Him. Encourage them that God can use them for His glory as young kids.



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

-Ephesians 1:7-8