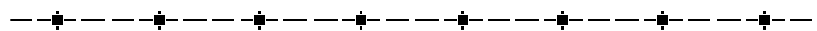


Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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David

Last week we learned that Samuel served God. He was taught by Eli, the priest. One night Samuel heard a voice three times. Each time Samuel went to Eli, he instructed Samuel to go to bed. But then Eli recognized it was God calling Samuel. Eli told Samuel what to say. God told Samuel what would happen in the future. (I Samuel 3:1-10)

I Samuel 16

Read the Bible

READ: I Samuel 16:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.
(Acts 13:22 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

God told Samuel that He was ready to appoint a new king. He even told Samuel that it would be one of Jesse's sons. God told Samuel to take his oil to anoint the new king. (I Samuel 16:1)

Samuel was concerned. He knew that if Saul realized what he was doing, he would have Samuel killed. God told him to tell the elders that he was in Bethlehem to sacrifice to the Lord. So, Samuel traveled to Jesse's home in Bethlehem. (I Samuel 16:2-3)

Goals

1. Understand that Samuel obeyed God.
2. Learn that David was a shepherd.
3. Understand that David was anointed but did not immediately become king.
4. Recognize that God sent David to live in the palace to help Saul.

When he arrived in the town, the elders were afraid. "They asked, "Have you come in peace?" (I Samuel 16:4) Samuel replied that he was there to sacrifice to the Lord. Then he set apart Jesse and his sons and invited them to sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Jesse's first son Eliab and thought, "Surely he is God's man." (I Samuel 16:5-6)

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not judge by his appearance or his height. He is not the one I have chosen. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (I Samuel 16:7)

Jesse had seven of his sons pass by Samuel, but God told Samuel that each one was not His chosen king. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any other children. (I Samuel 16:8-10)

Jesse told Samuel that he had a younger son, but he was taking care of the sheep. (I Samuel 16:11)

Samuel sent for little David. He was tan from being in the sun and he was handsome.

David Will Be King – Bible Facts

1. God told Samuel to go anoint a new king.
2. Samuel protested.
3. God instructed Samuel to say he was going to sacrifice to the Lord.
4. Samuel anointed David as king.

God told Samuel, "Rise and anoint him. He is the one." Samuel knew that David would one day be the king of God's people. "The Lord said, "Get up and anoint him. He is the one." (I Samuel 16:11-12)

Back in those times, a person that would be king was anointed with oil. That means they poured oil on the person's head to show that God had chosen him for a special purpose. Samuel put oil on David's head. From then on, God's Spirit was with David. (I Samuel 16:13)

God's Spirit was no longer with Saul. He began to have pain. His only relief was when someone played the harp. Saul asked his servants to find someone in the land that played the harp well. (I Samuel 16:14-17) Believe it or not, David was that person. Saul sent for David and enjoyed his harp playing. Whenever David played the harp, Saul's pain went away. He liked David so much that he stayed near the palace and carried armor for the warriors. (I Samuel 16:18-21)

Saul asked Jesse to allow David to stay and serve him. When Saul felt bad, David played his harp and Saul would feel better. (I Samuel 16:22-23)

1. **What did God tell Samuel to do?** (God told Samuel to go anoint a new king.)
2. **What did Samuel do?** (Samuel protested.)
3. **What happened next?** (God instructed Samuel to say he was going to sacrifice to the Lord.)
4. **What happened after that?** (Samuel anointed David as king.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God loves us and wants our hearts to be clean and pure. Unfortunately, when we do wrong, it separates us from God. God knew that this sin would separate us from Him so He made a way for us to have clean hearts! God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to help us. Jesus died on a cross for all the wrong things on the cross. Jesus died, but He came back to life three days later! If we believe in Him and ask Him to clean out all the wrongs, He will come into our lives. He will forgive us and clean out our hearts. If you would like to know God, talk to your teacher.

Prayer Time

1. **Take a moment to listen to God.**
2. **Thank God for sending Jesus to forgive our sins.**
3. **Ask God to help you obey Him.**
4. **Pray for friends and family members who need to obey Him.**

Application

Samuel obeyed God and went to anoint David as the next king. David was a shepherd boy when Samuel anointed him. But David did not immediately become king. God had a plan for David. God sent David to live in the palace to help Saul. God has a plan for each of us. Our part is to trust and obey Him.

Planning for the next week:

David and Goliath – I Samuel 17

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: I Samuel 16:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Bring a puppet to help you tell the story.

God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem because He had chosen a new king. God wanted Samuel to anoint the new king.

Samuel was concerned. He knew that if Saul (the current king) realized what he was doing, he would have Samuel killed. God told him to tell the elders that he was in Bethlehem to sacrifice to the Lord. So, Samuel traveled to Jesse's home in Bethlehem.

Samuel told the town elders to sacrifice to the Lord. Then he set apart Jesse and his sons and invited them to sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Jesse's first son Eliab and thought, "Surely he is God's man."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not judge by his appearance or his height. He is not the one I have chosen. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (I Samuel 16:7)

God had not chosen the seven sons that Jesse presented. Samuel asked if Jesse had other sons. Jesse told him that David was tending the sheep.

Samuel sent for little David. He was tan from being in the sun and he was handsome.

Samuel knew that David would one day be the king of God's people. "The Lord said, "Get up and anoint him. He is the one."

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to forgive our sins.
3. Ask God to help you obey Him.

Memory verse for younger children

I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart. Acts 13:22

Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Bring pictures of a horn of anointing oil. Put the memory verse on the picture. Color the picture. Practice the verse.

- Cut out hearts from construction paper. Write the memory verse on the hearts.

- **Test your memory** — Allow harp music to play in the background as you tell the story. As you tell the story use a picture of a shepherd, a picture of Samuel anointing David, a picture of David playing the harp, etc. Create a booklet for the children.

- **Taste activity** — Bring heart-shaped candy.

Use icing to make the shape of sheep on a paper plate. Use black for the feet, nose, and eyes. Bring cotton candy for the body.

- **Think about it** — Samuel obeyed God. But his life was in danger when he anointed a king while the first one was still alive. Talk about the importance of obeying God even when it is not easy.

David was anointed king, but he did not become king for a long time. Talk about the importance of waiting for God's time. Talk about what it meant to be anointed.

David played the harp for the king, but did not reveal that he had been anointed to be the next king. Talk about the importance of being careful about what we say and do not say.

- **Touch activity** — Bring a CD or cassette of harp music. Make a harp with rubber band and card stock.

Make crowns out of construction paper. Add jewels to the crowns.

Make pictures of Saul on a paper plate. Make him happy on one side and sad on the other side. Attach tongue depressors to the paper plates to hold them.

Make an oil horn.

- **Run and play** — David was a shepherd. Have the children pretend to be sheep. Ask the children to stand in a circle. One child will pretend to be David. Someone will count to three. At that point the sheep will try to scatter. David will try to keep the sheep together by touching them (like in freeze tag). If there are too many, assign some children to be sheep dogs who help David. The sheep dogs can also touch the sheep. Once everyone has been touched, start again.

- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to obey.

- **Sing** — Sing "I Will Run the Race," "Obedience," "Trust and Obey," or another song related to the story.

- **Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the hearts with verse for each child. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Memory Verse

I have found David
son of Jesse
a man after
my own heart;
he will do
everything
I want him
to do.

Acts 13:22

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

David

was a

shepherd

Word Search

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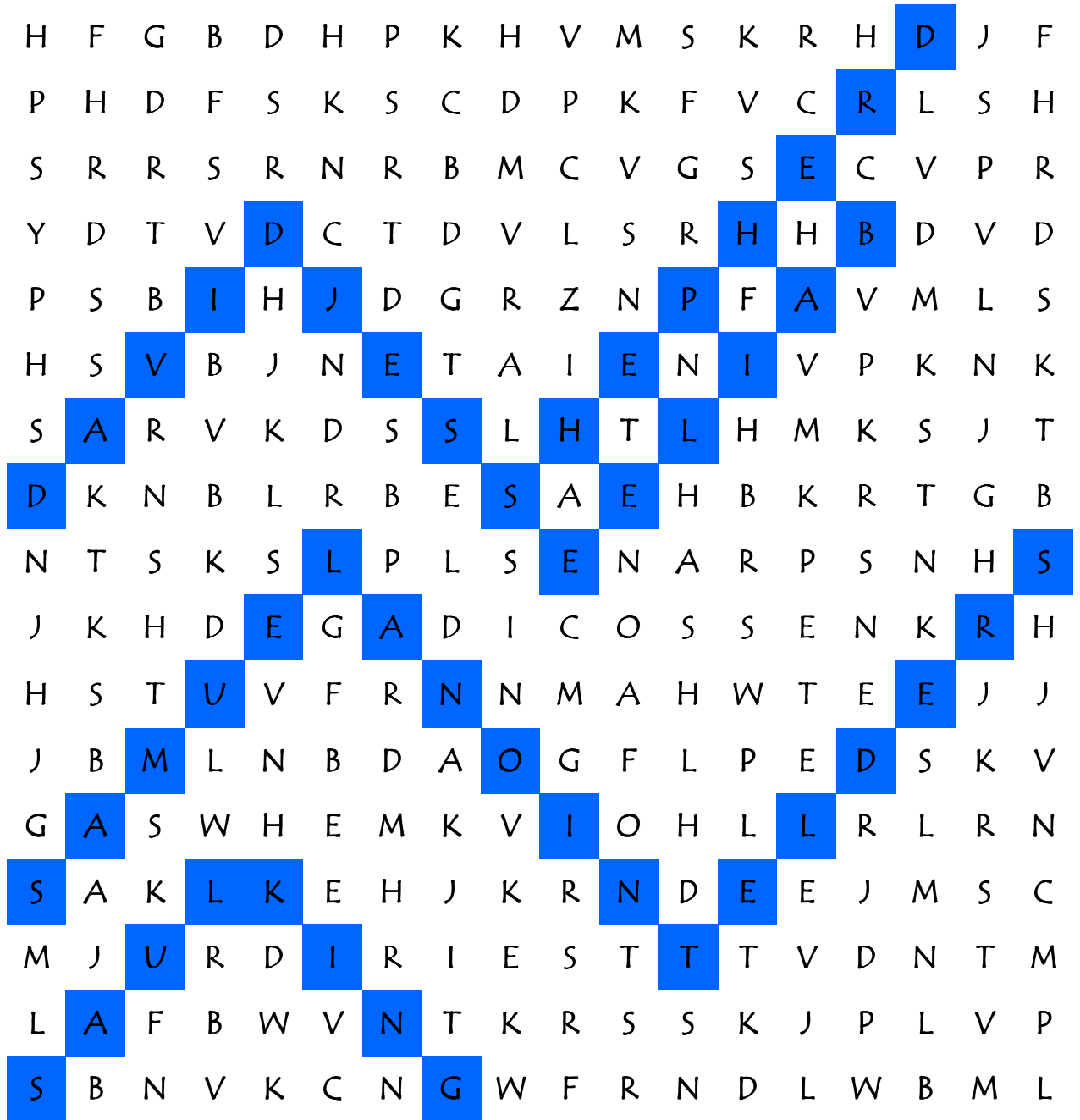
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