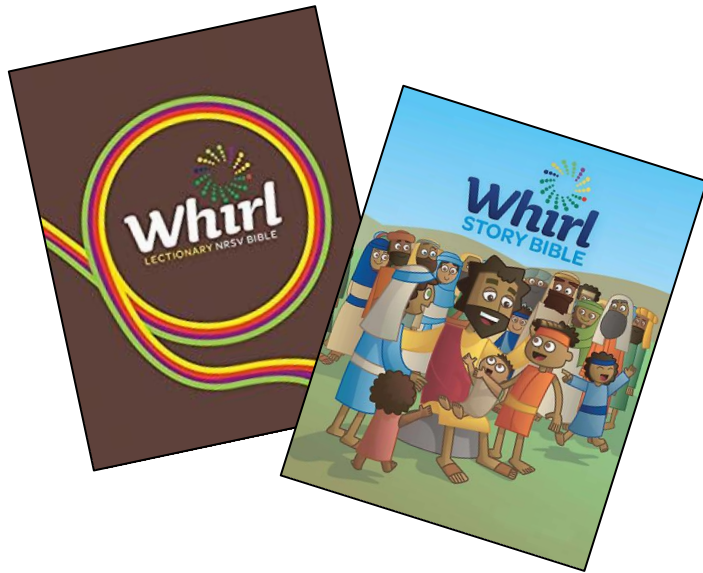


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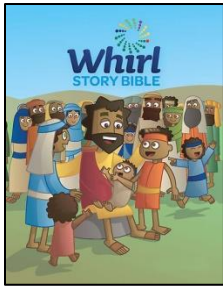
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1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel Anoints David




Bible Reading – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

- PreK-K use Story Bible (cartoon image)
- 1-3 grades find the story in the NSRV bible (brown) and then read from Story Bible
- 4-6 grades use the NSRV bible



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God Chooses a New King

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Jesse's oldest son towered over Samuel. This son could lift a sheep with ONE hand. His legs looked like tree trunks. "This MUST be the king," Samuel thought.

God had sent Samuel to anoint the new king of Israel. But God surprised Samuel.

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When has God surprised you?

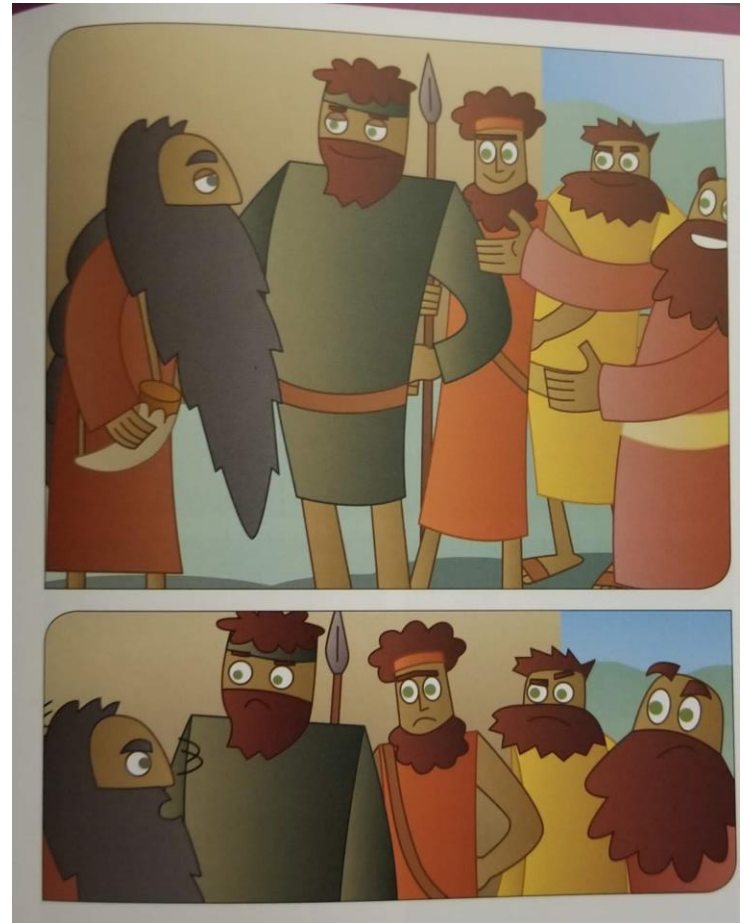
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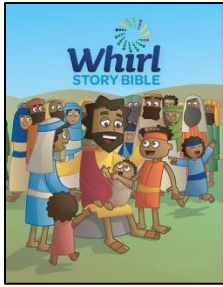
Jesse's second son stepped forward. He could throw a spear FARTHER than Samuel had ever seen.

"NOT that one," the Lord answered.

The third son puffed out his chest. He could wrestle his older brothers and WIN!

"NO, not him," the Lord said firmly to Samuel. "You're looking on the OUTSIDE. I'm looking on the INSIDE."





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Samuel looked at four more sons. Four more times the Lord said, “No.”

Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Have I met ALL of your sons?”

Jesse hesitated. “You want to see the YOUNGEST? He’s out with the sheep.”

“Please call him,” Samuel requested.

“David!” Jesse called.

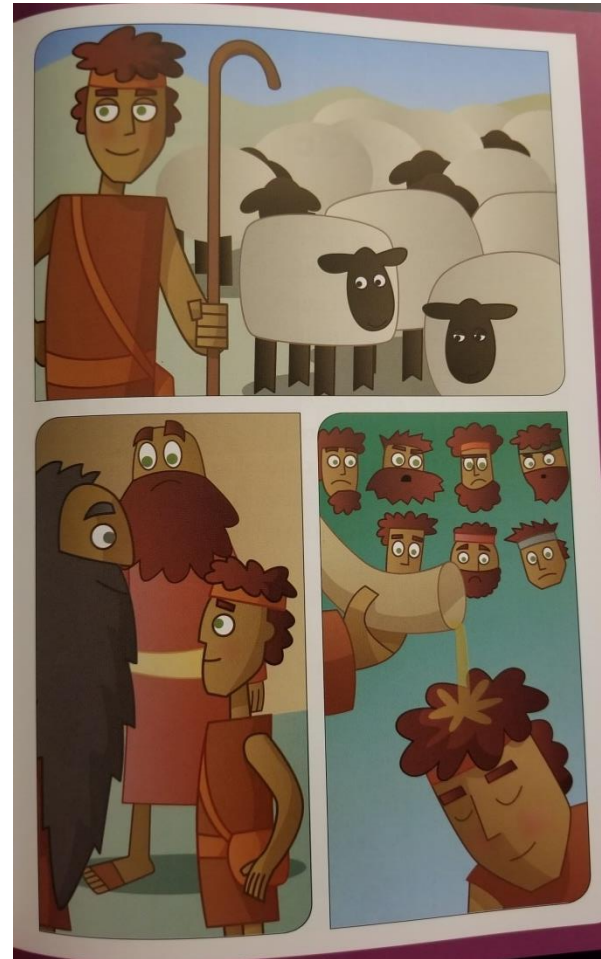
A red-cheeked little shepherd boy with bright, clear eyes rushed toward them. “Could THIS boy be the king?” Samuel wondered.

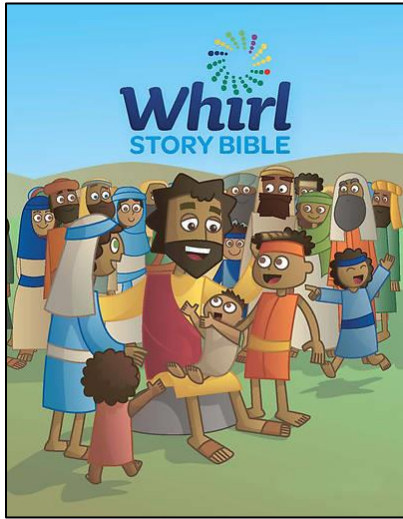
“YES,” breathed God, “this is the ONE. He will be the next KING over Israel.”

Samuel cleared his throat. “The Lord chooses DAVID.”

David’s brothers all spoke at once. “Little David? A king? I don’t believe it!”

Samuel prayed. He anointed David’s head with oil. The Lord would make David into a GREAT king.





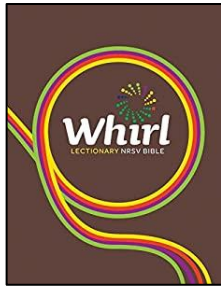
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Ask these questions after you read the story:

- What did God send Samuel to do?
- Samuel was concerned about how the future king looked. God was interested in something else.
- What was God interested in?
- How did Samuel anoint David?
- David was doing his chores when Samuel found him. How can doing chores help us become good leaders?

SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID



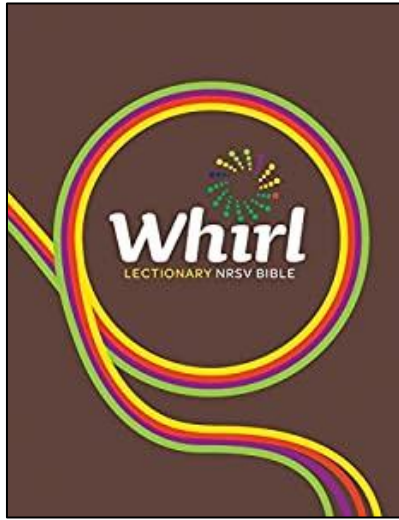
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DAVID ANOINTED AS KING

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out: I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's

anointed is now before the LORD."^a ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.



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Ask these questions after you read the story:

- Why did Samuel think that the first son was probably who God wanted?
- Why did God say that Eliab wasn't who God was looking for?
- How do you look past someone's outward appearance to get to know who they are inside?
- How did David almost miss out on being considered?

Activity

God saw that David was a true leader because of what was inside of him, not because he looked and acted like a leader on the outside. What do you think it takes to be a good leader?

Let's think of some leadership qualities that each family member might have had hidden inside. Write a post-it for each family member.

How might you and your family use these skills to serve God? Brainstorm together.

All of David's brothers had gifts for leadership. But David was anointed!

God chose David to lead. And God chooses you and me.

Want more options? There are lots of crafts on Pinterest!

Prayer

**Dear God, help me look
inside my heart and find
the leader in me.**

Amen.