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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 11 • Session 1

## GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING

1 Samuel 16

**WHAT IS GRACE? GRACE IS WHEN GOD GIVES US SOMETHING GOOD EVEN WHEN WE DO NOT DESERVE IT.**

Saul was the king of Israel, but he had disobeyed God. So God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem. A man named Jesse lived there. God had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be Israel's next king.

Samuel went to Bethlehem and met with Jesse and his sons. Jesse's oldest son was tall and handsome.

But God told Samuel, "He's not the one. Do not pay attention to what he looks like. You look at what you can see on the outside, but I see the heart."

One by one, Jesse's sons approached Samuel. Each time, Samuel said, "The Lord hasn't chosen him either."

"Do you have any more sons?" Samuel asked.

"Yes," Jesse said. "My youngest son, David, is in the field taking care of the sheep."

Jesse sent for David. When David arrived, God told Samuel, "He's the one!"

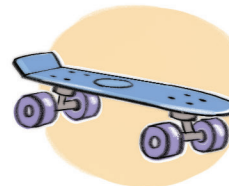
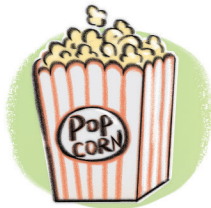
Samuel anointed David; he poured oil on David's head to show God had chosen him to be the king. The Spirit of the Lord was with David, and Samuel went back home.

Now King Saul was bothered by an evil spirit. One of Saul's officials knew that Jesse's son David could play the lyre. So David came to Saul and whenever Saul felt troubled, David played his lyre and Saul felt better.

**Christ Connection:** 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.

## This or That?

Look at each pair of items and circle which one you prefer.



**What's Important?** | Find and read each reference in your Bible.  
List the qualities that are important to God.

Philippians 2:3-4

Hebrews 12:14

James 1:19

Galatians 5:22-23

1 Peter 3:2

Romans 12:10