

# DAVID

A man after  
God's Heart



## Lesson 3: God Chooses David to Be King

Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours prior to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 24-27 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and **TIME YOURSELF!** Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. **TIME TO TEACH!!!** Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

### TEACHER'S TIP

*Print out an extra set of bookmarks and have another teacher evaluate you during your lesson: did you teach the information on the bookmarks? Did you include smooth links? Was the invitation clear? Would a child who has never heard the Gospel understand CLEARLY?*

## Story Outline Lesson 3: God Chooses David to Be King

1. **Introduction:** What kind of person would be a man after God's heart? Are you that kind of person?  
**LINK:** Samuel would soon find out just what kind of person God had in mind!
2. God commanded Samuel to go to Bethlehem to anoint a son of Jesse to be the new king of Israel.
3. Samuel prepared the sacrifice and invited Jesse's family.
4. As Samuel looked at Eliab, Jesse's oldest son, he thought he would surely be God's chosen king.
5. God told Samuel that He looks at the heart, not at the outward appearance.

**LINK:** What really matters is his heart attitude toward God. God is the only one who knows your heart (the real you - your inner feelings and deepest thoughts).

### **GROWTH BOOKMARK #1**

6. Seven of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel, but God had chosen none of them.
7. Samuel sent for Jesse's youngest son.
8. When David was brought before him, God instructed Samuel to anoint him as the chosen king.

**LINK:** What was in David's heart? David's heart attitude pleased God. If Jesus is your Savior, remember, God is pleased with a right-heart attitude.

### **GROWTH BOOKMARK #2**

9. **CLIMAX:** David was anointed as the next king of Israel; his heart was right with God.
10. The Spirit of God came upon David; Samuel returned to Ramah.

**LINK:** David's heart was right with God, and when the time came, God would use him in a special way. If Jesus is your Savior, remember, God wants you to have a heart that is right with God too.

### **GROWTH BOOKMARK #3**

### **GOSPEL BOOKMARK**

### **INVITATION BOOKMARK**

*Because this lesson is shorter, it would be a good idea to do the Gospel Activity listed on page 23: this will emphasize the Gospel more to the unsaved children. You can do the Gospel Activity before the Bible Lesson, then do a song so the kids can stand and stretch, and then sit them back down for the Bible Lesson.*

## GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



### Matt. 22:37

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#### Note to Teachers:

**Remember:** *simply telling a Bible story - no matter how animated and alive you make the story - is not enough. You must TEACH truths to the children through the application points found on these bookmarks. These applications allow the children to take the story and APPLY it to their lives, which is the REASON you are teaching them a LESSON, not a story. When you isolate these application points away from the story, children are not likely to pay attention or grasp the importance of these truths. However, when you weave these points WITHIN an exciting story, children can make connections and identify with the main character(s), thus enabling them to apply these teachings to their lives. DON'T neglect the teachings on these bookmarks: this is the MEAT of your lesson!!*

**LINK:** What really matters is his heart attitude toward God. God is the only one who knows your heart (the real you - your inner feelings and deepest thoughts).

1. Maybe you can say lots of Bible verses about loving other people, but deep down inside you have mean thoughts about others.
2. Perhaps in club you sing about loving Jesus, but during the week you seldom think about Him.
3. You may be able to fool your parents or teachers for a while, but when God looks at your heart, what does He see? Does He see a heart that is disobedient and rebellious against Him?
4. Or does He see a heart that is truly changed? One that wants to please and serve Him more than anything else? The Bible says:
5. **READ MATT. 22:37 from the Bible.**
6. Do you love God that way?

**LINK:** If Jesus is your Lord and Savior, you will want to please God with your attitude, because God cares about what on the inside of a person and not the outward appearance. Samuel was learning that.

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## GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



### 1 Sam. 16:7

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**LINK:** What was in David's heart? David's heart attitude pleased God. **If Jesus is your Savior**, remember, God is pleased with a right-heart attitude.

1. When you are God's child you should be different on the inside.
2. Each week we have been talking about being a person after God's heart. So far we have learned that it means giving God first place in your life and obeying Him completely.
3. To be a person after God's heart, you need to have a heart that is right with God. you should want to please Him more than anything else.
4. When you DO sin, your heart attitude is not right with God. When you do something wrong, tell God you're truly sorry that you sinned against Him. *(Optional: Read 1 John 1:9).*
5. Part of having a right heart attitude is learning from your mistakes, and listening and learning from other people who love God. Remember: God looks at our heart!
6. Remember our memory verse?  
**(QUOTE 1 Sam. 16:7 with the children)**
7. When you are obeying God completely by doing His will, your heart is right with Him!

**LINK:** God cares about your heart-attitude: not just your actions. David's heart attitude pleased God, and God was going to use him to lead His people.

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## GOSPEL BOOKMARK



### Heb. 9:22b

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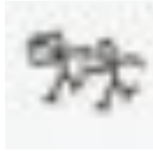
**LINK:** Perhaps as you think about your heart attitude toward God, you know your sin still separates you from Him because you have never asked Jesus to be your Savior from sin.

1. As God looks at your heart, He sees your sin. Remember what sin is (allow for answer)? **Sin is anything you think, say, or do that makes God unhappy** and breaks God's laws.
2. Fighting, saying mean words to others, and even having a bad attitude are all **examples** of sin. You and I were **born** knowing how to sin, and the Bible says that **everyone** has sinned - that includes you and me!
3. You and I deserve to be **punished** for our sins. We deserve to be **separated** from God forever and ever because God is a **holy** (perfect) God and cannot even be around sin!
4. However, God **loves** you, because He **made** you, and that's why He sent His **perfect Son** Jesus who **took the punishment** for your sin so that you could be forgiven. Jesus took that punishment as he suffered and **died**.
5. Jesus gave His **blood** on the cross, making the perfect payment for your sin. It says in **Heb. 9:22 (READ from the Bible)**. Jesus was the **only** one who could shed (give) His perfect blood for your forgiveness.
6. He was buried, but three days later, **rose** again!

**LINK:** Jesus now lives in heaven, and He wants you to live there with Him forever and ever. Will you trust in Him and receive Him as your Lord and Savior from sin today?

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## GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



### James 4:17

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**LINK:** David's heart was right with God, and when the time came, God would use him in a special way. If **Jesus is your Savior**, remember, God wants you to have a heart that is right with God too.

1. As a Christian, be concerned about your heart attitude because what's on the inside will eventually show up in your actions.
2. A right attitude produces right actions, but a wrong heart attitude causes wrong actions.
3. This week, will you **ask God to examine your heart** and show you if there is anything that displeases Him?
4. Are you angry with someone? Or jealous? Are you depending on God, or are you worrying all the time? God will show you if there is anything wrong.
5. **Confess your sin** to Him so that your heart attitude will be right. Then you will be a person after God's heart!
6. **CHALLENGE:** This week as you have your quiet time with God, ask God to show you where you need to improve your heart attitude.

**LINK:** Perhaps as you think about your heart attitude toward God, you know your sin still separates you from Him because you have never asked Jesus to be your Savior from sin.

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## INVITATION BOOKMARK



### Rom. 10:13

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**LINK:** Will you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior from sin today?

1. **REVIEW:** Remember, you and I deserve to be punished for our sin, but because Jesus took our punishment, we can be forgiven.
2. **READ VERSE:** Rom. 10:13
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** If you want to be saved from your sin, and if you want to be saved from the punishment of sin, the Bible says you need to **CALL** on the name of the Lord to be saved.  
  
That means that if **you will turn from your sin** and **Admit** to God that you know you are a sinner, then tell God that you **Believe** He sent Jesus to die and take your punishment for sin, and then **Call** (pray) and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior, then **this verse promises you WILL be saved!**
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can be God's child, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.