



3PK

September 12-13, 2015

DATE

Samuel anoints David.

LESSON TITLE

1 Samuel 16

WHERE TO FIND IT

God chooses kids.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

Sometimes the small group activity may feel overwhelming when you have a lot of energetic preschoolers, so keep this in mind: it's okay if the craft isn't finished all the way, or if kids don't do it correctly. The point of small group is to help you connect with the kids, and if you're able to talk to them and get them doing something with their hands, than that's a win!

check-in/out

Ask kids to show you their heart! Ask them about why they made it, and who in particular looks at their heart. (It's God!)

large group heads up

This is a great lesson for kids to hear, because it's all about how God chose a kid to carry out his purpose! Kids often feel that they're too young or unimportant to make a difference in God's kingdom, but this story illustrates how God uses the most unlikely people (even little kids) as part of his rescue plan!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Tell kids that we're going to make invisible drawings, and we're going to use our finger as a pen!
- You're going to tell them to draw something, and they will "draw" it in the air with their fingers. (Demonstrate to help them understand.)
- Draw...
 - A smiley face
 - A frowny face
 - A squiggly line
 - A circle
 - A square
 - A triangle
 - Number 1
 - Number 3
 - Number 6
 - Spell your name (May be harder for some kids, but encourage them to try!)
- You can make up more things for them to draw or spell, until it's time to go into Large Group.

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears!
Remind that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Samuel anointing David and (2) understand that God chooses kids just like them.

Why? Kids' Club is about helping kids understand how they're a part of God's story, no matter how old they are. This story is a great example of how God uses us even when we're kids!

Tip: If kids can write, encourage them to write a word in their heart craft that shows how much God loves them. Help them spell something like "love", "Jesus" or "God".

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why was God sad about King Saul? (King Saul did not obey God)
2. Who did Samuel go looking for? (A new king)
3. Who did God pick as the new king? (David)
4. Was David a grown up, or a little kid? (A little kid)
5. Does God want you to be part of his plan like David? (Yes)

GOD LOOKS AT OUR HEART

- Hand each kid **1 heart** and **5 assorted paper squares**.
- Set out **markers** and **glue sticks**.
- Tell kids to **glue their squares onto the hearts**; they can also decorate with markers.
- Tell kids that **God looks at our hearts**. That means it doesn't matter what's on the outside, it matters what's on the inside. Even if we're not grown ups, God still chooses to use us!
- Remind kids that **God uses kids as a part of his special rescue plan!**

***Pray:** Thank God for choosing kids to be part of his story, just like King David!

BEFORE KIDS LEAVE SMALL GROUP, give each of them a **Kids' Club sticker** to wear home. The sticker encourages parents to join us in Kids' Club by becoming a volunteer. Tell kids to show parents their special sticker!

Extra time? Do the connect time activity again, but this time, on each other's backs! Have kids try to guess what someone is drawing on their back. Tell kids to do things like circles, triangles, squares, lines, numbers, letters, etc.

special notes

Do you remember what it was like to feel little and unimportant? Put yourself in kids' shoes, and think about how often they're told that they can't do important things. This is a chance for you to encourage them and tell them they CAN do important things, just like adults!

presenter tips

Here's a link to this week's video:

The Teenie Weenie True King:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wg419K0cGC8>

script

Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS Obey Your Leaders (*about 1 minute*)

(Holding up the Bible for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible".) That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan.

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. And it was all GOOD. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)

But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—could be close to God again! Do you know who the rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!) That's right! Jesus!

INTRO: SAMUEL AND SAUL

Today we're going to learn about more of God's rescue plan, and it involves a king! Raise your hand if you've ever heard of a king. (Let kids respond.) A king is someone who rules over a lot of people. He gets to make rules, and tell people what to do. He might even wear this! **(Click to show picture of a crown.)** What is this? (Let kids say, "crown"). Good job! It's a crown!



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Well God's people had a good home, and food to eat, and best of all, they had God! But they also wanted a king. The kind of king who wears a crown! So God gave them a king. His name was Saul. Can you say Saul? (Let kids respond.) Good job! Saul started out as a good king...but then he stopped listening to God (act sad). He decided to do what he wanted instead of obeying God. That's not a very good choice is it? (Let kids respond.) Give me a sad face. (Let kids respond.)

SAMUEL LOOKS FOR A NEW KING

Well luckily, God had a plan to find another king! A king who would love God with his WHOLE heart! Can you put your hands over your heart? (Demonstrate, and let kids respond.) God picked a man named Samuel to go find this king!

We're going to watch a video to find out how Samuel found the new king. As you watch, try to figure out who God picked!

VIDEO: Jesus Storybook Bible/The Teenie Weenie True King

Wow! God picked someone very special to be king. Do you remember who it was? (Let kids respond, "David") That's right, he chose David! God picked David because he could tell that David had a heart that wanted to follow God. Let's all put our hands on our heart again. (Let kids respond.) God doesn't just look at our outside. He looks at our inside.

Did God pick David because he was the oldest? (Let kids answer, "No!") Did God pick David because he was the strongest? (Let kids answer "No!") Did God pick David because he was the most handsome? (Let kids answer "No!") No way! God picked David because he had a heart like God's.

GOD CHOOSES KIDS

David was the youngest brother. He was just a little kid, and nobody thought he could ever be king! But God saw his heart, and he decided that David would be a part of his rescue plan. (Lower your voice to a whisper on the microphone, and act very secretive.) Do you know who else is a kid? (Let kids respond. They may say "me" or "us"). That's right! YOU are kids!

God chooses kids just like you to be a part of his plan. I'm going to ask you some things, and if you think the answer is yes, then yell "YES" really loudly, and clap your hands together!

- Does God want to talk to you? (YES!)
- Does God want to spend time with you? (YES!)
- Does God think you're important? (YES!)
- Does God choose you to be a part of his rescue plan? (YES!)

When God told Samuel that David would be king, Samuel did something special. He put oil on David's head! That's kind of silly, isn't it? Let's all pretend to pour oil on our friend's head. (Let kids respond.) Back then, it was a special way to show that David was God's chosen king, and when David grew up, he became king!

A long time after that, someone came from David's family. Someone who would also be a king,



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and who would rescue the whole world! Do you remember who that is? (Let kids respond, "Jesus!") Good job! Let's pray to God now, and thank him for sending Jesus to us.

PRAY (Break it down into small, repeatable phrases)

Dear God. Thank you for choosing us to be part of your story. A-men!

WORSHIP

Since God chooses us to be a part of his rescue plan, that means he wants us to worship him with songs! Let's all stand up and sing to him.

Song: Come With Me

Song: Deep and Wide

Song: Trust in the Lord (extra song if you have time left over)

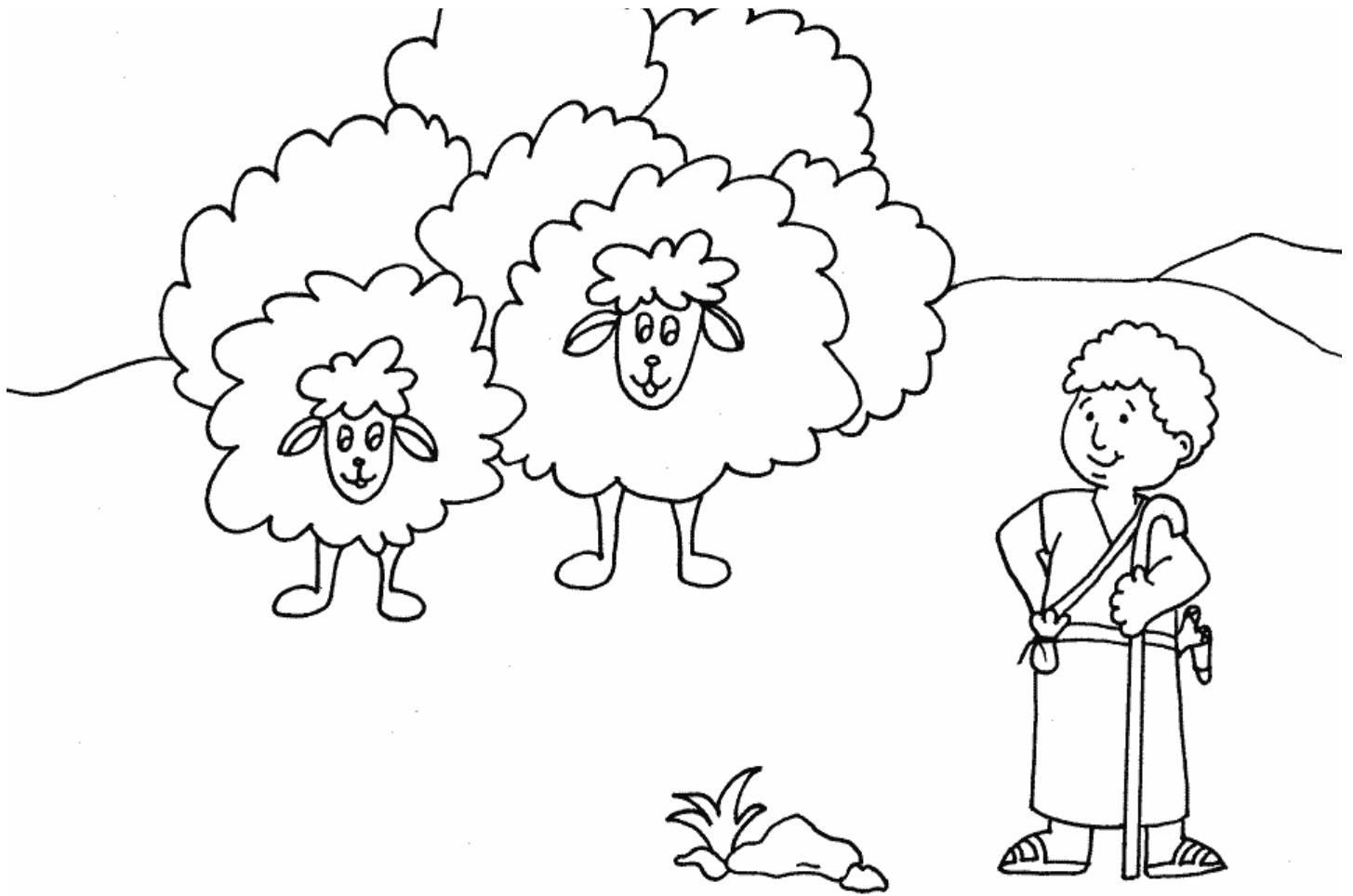
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Invisible drawings – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid: 5 paper squares (assorted colors, 2 & 3" squares), 1 heart doily, 1 KC Sticker

Per group: Markers, glue sticks, Bible

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Obey Your Leaders!
3. Slide: Crown
4. Video: JSB/The Teenie Weenie True King (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUBvSLNT_s8)
5. Music Video: Come With Me (hand motions)(<https://vimeo.com/49923933>)
6. Song: Deep and Wide
7. Song: Trust in the Lord

connect questions

Who was David?

Who does God choose to be part of his plan?

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