



# Chosen

## 1 Samuel 16

### Review

- After hearing our story from last time, were there ways in which you trusted and obeyed God? Can anyone retell that story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt?
- Were you able to tell this story to someone this last week?
- What has been your favorite Bible Story so far?

### Hook Question

When were you chosen for something?

### Tell the Story

### Retell

Have the group retell the story in their own words. Work together to recreate what was just heard asking 'what's next' questions.

### Personal/Group Retell

David is known for many things - one is that he wrote beautiful songs to the Lord (written in the Book of Psalms). Write a song or change the words to a familiar song which tells this story.

### Introduction

*Instead of God as their King, the people decided that they wanted a king like the surrounding nations. Samuel was a prophet, a spokesman, for God and blessed the men that God would select as the nation's king. The first king was Saul and though he was very handsome, he was a king who lost his love for God. It was now time to choose another king. God instructs Samuel to go to Jesse's house in Bethlehem where he is to anoint the man God would point out to him. That is where our Bible story begins:*

When Samuel arrived at Jesse's house, he noticed Jesse's oldest son and said to himself, "Surely, this is the Lord's chosen king!" But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't be impressed by his appearance or his height, for I have not picked him. God does not look at things the way men do. People look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Then Jesse called his next son and presented him to Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one, either." Then Jesse presented each of his other sons. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these. Is that all of your sons?"

Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest one, David, but he's taking care of the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Bring him here for we cannot do anything else until he comes." So Jesse had him brought in.

Now David was handsome with bright eyes. The Lord said, "Go and anoint him. This is the one!" So Samuel took the jar full of olive oil and anointed David by pouring the oil on David in front of his brothers. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on.

## Discussion Questions

Listed below are some basic questions that can be asked. You may want to supplement these questions with other Head, Heart, and Hands questions.

- Who are the main characters in the story?
- What were the main events in the story?
- What do you learn about God in this story?
- How does this story affect your life?
- How can you put this insight into practice this week?

## Conclusion

David became known as a man after God's own heart. He wrote beautiful praise songs, known as the Psalms, to express his love and worship of God.

## Closing Blessing

**Read** Psalm 37:4

**Pray** Lord, we want to praise you today. Thank you for all you have done for us. Thank you for your power, your majesty and your might. Lord, bless each person with a heart to always be in awe and to worship you.