

Session 2

David is anointed as king

Children discover that God doesn't look at our outward appearance but rather at our hearts.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Supplies:

- Bag with clothing according to the jobs you choose in the "Welcome" activity (or pictures)
- Clothes for Samuel, so he looks the part of an old prophet
- Copy of the "secret message"
- Copy of the sheep on the hill activity
- Picture of a sheep and wool or cotton wool



Welcome

How does a rugby player, ballerina, fireman, doctor or diver etc. look? Put all the clothing items in a bag, you can pick any type of occupation/job. Let the children take out the items that go with the job you are calling out and put them on. Make sure there is one old, dirty, worn outfit left. Then you ask: "How does a king look?" Let a child put on the last outfit. Then ask: "Is this how a king looks?"

For us this is not the way a king will look or dress, we will want to give him a make-over, but God looks differently at people. Let's see what God looks for in a king. (If you used pictures instead of clothing, consider just dressing up the last person.)



Worship

Settle down ritual from Psalm 23

The children sit down with legs crossed and eyes closed. Let the children repeat this phrase 3x with you: "The Lord is with us". Now say: "Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I am not afraid. He leads me through dark times and cares for me."



Word

Dramatization

Today we are going to meet someone that was present on the day a new king was chosen (let "old" Samuel come out from where he was hiding to tell the story).

Let's give Grandfather Samuel a chance to tell us about Israel's second king.

Story:

One day the Lord told me: "Go to the town of Bethlehem. There is a man by the name of Jesse. I want to crown one of his sons as the new king of Israel."

I did what God told me to do. When I saw Jesse and his sons, I saw Eliab, Jesse's oldest son. I thought to myself: "This is the one that the Lord wants to pick." But the Lord said to me: "You should not just look at how tall and good looking someone is. I don't look at people the same way that people look at one another. People look at each other's appearances, but I look at the hearts of people." Jesse's sons came to stand before me one after the

other: Eliab, Abinadab, Shimea, Nethanel, Raddai and Ozem. Every time I thought this would be God's choice, but God said to me: "No, this is not the one I choose."

When all of Jesse's sons had passed, I asked Jesse: "Are these all of your sons?" Jesse answered: "I have one more, he is the youngest, his name is David, but he looks after the sheep." Then I said: "Go, call him." Jesse sent one of his servants to call David. When David arrived, God said to me: "This is the one you must anoint as king." I anointed David with oil on his head. I did this as a sign that David was very special to God and that David should obey God. From that day the Holy Spirit was with David.

Children reflect on the story

1. I wonder if there is someone in the story you can compare yourself with.
2. I wonder how David felt when he realized he was chosen as king out of all his brothers.
3. I wonder if you realize how special you are to God.



Working and Playing

- **Juniors:** Help David count the sheep on each hill and write the number in the tree. Draw a circle around the sheep with a black hoof on each hill.
- Give children a colouring picture of a sheep and let them decorate it with cotton wool or cut it out and thread wool around it.
- **"Secret message":** Children use the clues to discover the secret message – what God said about David in Acts 13:22: I have found David the son of Jesse to be a man after my own heart, who will carry out all my will.

Closing prayer to end the session

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