



## Family Worship Experience

- READ THE SCRIPTURE -



### Kids Bible Story

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13 from your Bible or from below.

#### Samuel Followed God's Plan

King Saul had disobeyed God. God rejected him as the king of Israel. Israel needed a new king. God told Samuel to take some oil and go to Bethlehem to anoint the new king. Samuel was afraid that King Saul would be angry with him. He even thought that King Saul might try to hurt him.

God told Samuel to go. He promised to tell Samuel what to do. Samuel obeyed God and followed God's plan. He went to Bethlehem to anoint a new king.



In Bethlehem, Samuel invited Jesse and his sons to attend a special sacrifice to God. When Samuel saw Jesse's son, Eliab, he thought, "Certainly the Lord's anointed is standing right here before me." But God told Samuel, "People cannot see what I see. People can only see what a person looks like or what a person does. I can see a person's heart. Eliab is not my chosen king."

Jesse introduced Samuel to each of his sons. Each time, Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this son." Samuel asked Jesse if these were all his sons. Jesse said that the youngest son, David, was outside taking care of the sheep. Samuel told Jesse to send for David to come.

When Samuel saw David, he knew God had chosen him to be the new king of Israel. God told Samuel, "Anoint him, for he is the one." Samuel took the oil and poured it over David. God's Spirit came powerfully on David from that day forward. God prepared David to be Israel's new king.

—Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13





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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE-

When have you been afraid to do something you were asked to do? Maybe you were afraid because you thought you couldn't do what was asked of you. Maybe you were afraid you wouldn't know what to say or do or that you might make the wrong choice. Maybe, like Samuel, you worried that someone close to you would get angry at you. Samuel showed that he loved and trusted God by obeying what God asked him to do. Samuel was afraid, but he followed God's plan and went to Bethlehem. Samuel trusted God because he knew God would be with him and tell him what to do.

When Samuel got to Bethlehem, he followed God's plan and met with Jesse and his sons. In the Bible it says that Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel to be chosen as the new king. Even though each of these sons looked to Samuel like they would be good kings on the outside, God rejected each one. It may have seemed strange for Samuel to pass over each of David's brothers, but that was part of God's plan. Finally, Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more sons. Samuel knew that God had a plan for one of Jesse's sons to be the next king. However, what Samuel didn't expect was for that son to be the youngest of all Jesse's sons. Samuel, like most people, looks at what a person looks like or what he does, but God said He looks at what a person is on the inside.

It was unusual for the youngest son in a family to be chosen over the older sons in Samuel's time. Samuel obeyed God and anointed David as God's chosen replacement for the new king. God had a plan for David's life and prepared him to be Israel's new king. God has a plan for you, too. God will prepare you for following His plan just as He prepared Samuel and David. So, remember when the time comes, you can show others you love God by following His plan for you.



Preschool Life Point: People show God's love when they follow God's plan.

Kids Life Point: People show God's love when they follow God's plan.

Preschool Review Questions:

1. How did Samuel obey God?
2. What did God tell Samuel about David's brothers?
3. What did God tell Samuel to do once He had chosen David to be the new king?

Elementary Review Questions:

1. How did Samuel show he loved and trusted God?
2. Why did God say He had not chosen David's brothers to be king?
3. How can you show you love and trust God?

Pray

God, help me to be obedient to follow Your plan for my life. Thank you for the people you place in my life to help me learn how to follow Your plan for me. Help me to trust You in all that You ask me to do. Amen





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- LEARN SCRIPTURE -

The Bible verses below are this week's Bible Studies for Life weekly verses. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.

**PRESCHOOL (paraphrase):** We will do all God says. *Exodus 19:8*

**KIDS:** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:5-6*





## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Pray Proverbs 3:5-6 to God. Ask Him to help you trust Him and not to lean on your own understanding of things. Ask that He will make His ways known to you and make your paths straight.

### **Evenings**

Ask God to begin to reveal His plan for your life. Pray that He will lead you to obey even when you are afraid. Ask God to help you look past outward appearances.





## Family Activities

### For Fun

Fill a box with crumpled paper. Fill a second box with special treats your family enjoys. Wrap the first box in an especially appealing design. Wrap the second box in a nice design, but not as nice as the first. Instruct kids to select the box they would like to unwrap. Once unwrapped, discuss how God doesn't look at outward appearances but looks at what's in a person's heart.

### To Serve

Invite a family who is new in your church or neighborhood over to join your family for a meal. Prepare a few questions to ask during the meal and plan to play board games afterwards as a way to get to know one another.