

# God Chooses David to Replace Saul 1 Samuel 16:1-13

y the time babies are a year old, they have already developed a sense of their own appearance. Parents whose children have suffered a disfiguring accident tell stories about how their children's interactions with outsiders change and how children respond by withdrawing. While we can't entirely shelter children from societal pressures related to appearance, we can emphasize that God values what's in the heart above all else.

#### INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP	
<b>1</b> Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player, rattle <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD		
Bible Exploration	God Chose a New King Hear a rhyme about the Bible story.	Teacher Pack: paper crown	Adjust the paper crown to fit an infant.	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	A Bunch of Babies Look at babies with different physical characteristics.	Teacher Pack: "Baby Face" teaching picture		
	Mirror, Mirror, Look at Me! Participate in an action rhyme while looking in a mirror.	mirror		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.	

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.



► Bible Point God doesn't care how we look.

Key Verse
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6-7).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will begin to learn that God doesn't care about outside appearances but instead looks at the heart.



#### TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
Bible Exploration	David Is the New King Hear a rhyme, and wear a crown.	Teacher Pack: paper crown	Adjust the size of the paper crown to fit a toddler's head.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	A Rainbow of Kids Look at pictures of babies and identify them by their physical characteristics.	Teacher Pack: "Baby Face" teaching picture	
	My Heart Fill in a heart with powdered gelatin for a sensory experience.	1 copy per child of the "My Heart" page (at the end of the lesson), glue stick, empty saltshaker, strawberry gelatin powder	Fill a clean saltshaker with strawberry gelatin powder. (Because strawberry gelatin powder can be messy and might stain clothes, you may wish to provide paint shirts or smocks for children to wear.)
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

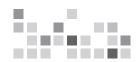
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#### 2-YEAR-OLD

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	David Is God's Chosen King Do an action-rhyme Bible story.	scissors, tape Teacher Pack: "David and His Brothers" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)	Cut out the Samuel figure as well as the crown from the Big Bible Poster Pack. Hang the poster on a wall close to your story-time area, and set the cutout figures near the poster.
	The Lord Looks at My Heart Sing a song, and pass a heart.	1 large sheet of red construction paper, scissors	Cut a large heart from red construction paper.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	Inside Is What Counts Play a game, and do large motor movements.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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**BIBLE BACKGROUND** 

#### **Israel at War** •••••

First Samuel 14–15 describes Israelite victories under the leadership of Saul and his son, Jonathan, The Philistines were routed (1 Samuel 14:22, 31). Saul then fought and won against enemies on every side, freeing Israel from the oppression it had been under (1 Samuel 14:47-48). But Saul again made a big mistake. God directed Saul to attack the Amalekites and to destroy them because the Amalekites had resisted the Israelites when they came from Egypt toward the Promised Land (1 Samuel 15:1-3). The Amalekites were known for attacking defenseless villages in Israel, killing people, and taking everything-leaving those left alive without food. God wanted Israel to avenge the Amalekites' cruelty and to destroy them entirely.

#### Saul Again Disobeys God .....

Instead of wiping out everything, Saul spared the king's life and kept the best of the sheep and cattle. Once again, Saul disobeyed a direct command from God, doing what he thought would be most profitable for himself. As a result, God decided it was time to select another king.

God again directed Samuel to the one who would be king of Israel. Samuel did what God told him to do and found himself looking over Jesse's sons for the one who would replace Saul. Even Samuel was apparently expecting someone strong and tall, as Saul had been, but God had other plans. His statement should echo in our minds today: "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

#### God Leads Samuel to Young David

Apparently, David didn't look very kingly at this point in his life. The evidence suggests that he may have been

only about 12 when he was anointed by Samuel to be the next king. However, he had apparently developed in strength and courage as he tended his father's sheep. The fact that God chose David after emphasizing the importance of his heart tells us that David's heart must have been right before God.

#### The Jesus Connection

Jesus isn't most concerned that	t we look like "good'
Christians—appearance really d	loesn't much matter.

Christians—appearance really doesn't much matter.
God has done so much for us! Seek daily to keep you heart focused on God. Ask God to help you have a heart that seeks him. You can write your prayer here.

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Lesson 9

Infants, Toddlers & 2s



#### INFANT



## Sing and Celebrate

#### What You'll Do

Sing or listen to "We Don't Worry Anymore" (track 9) to the tune of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" anytime during the lesson. Play the song as you shake a rattle in a baby's line of vision.

We don't worry anymore, hallelujah! We don't worry anymore, hallelujah!

For our God is in control, hallelujah! For our God is in control, hallelujah! (Repeat 2x.)

Sing or listen to "The Lord Looks" (not on CD) to the tune of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" anytime during the lesson. Sing it as a lullaby to calm a fussy baby.

The Lord looks at the heart.

God looks inside of me and you.

The Lord looks at the heart.

God wants a heart that's always true.



#### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player rattle **Teacher Pack** CD: "We Don't Worry Anymore" (track 9)



### God Chose a New King Supplies

## Teacher Pack paper crown

#### God Chose a New King Easy Prep

Adjust the paper crown to fit an infant.

#### A Bunch of Babies Supplies

#### Teacher Pack

"Baby Face" teaching picture



## God Chose a New King

#### What You'll Do

As you say the rhyme to an infant sitting next to you on the floor, place the crown on his or her head when indicated in the parentheses.

Say: God chose a new king, a ruler over all.

David would be the new king. He got the crown of Saul. (Place crown on baby's head.)

David was just a young man, a bit older than you.

But David's heart pleased God, and you can please God, too.

► GOD DOESN'T CARE HOW WE LOOK.



### A Bunch of Babies

#### What You'll Do

Talk to a baby about the pictures in the teaching picture, pointing out various physical features of each baby.

Say: Look at this baby. This baby has brown eyes. God loves babies with brown eyes. Look at this baby. This baby has blue eyes. God loves babies with blue eyes. This baby has long hair. God loves babies with long hair. This baby is bald. God loves bald babies. This baby is dirty. God loves dirty babies. God loves you with your [describe a feature of the baby]. 

GOD DOESN'T CARE HOW WE LOOK! He just loves us all.



### Mirror, Mirror, Look at Me!

#### What You'll Do

Seat baby in front of a mirror so he or she can watch as you do the accompanying motions together.

Say: God doesn't care if you have long hair. (Play with baby's hair.)

God doesn't care if your hair's barely there! (Play with baby's hair.)

God doesn't care what we look like.

God looks at our hearts, that's right! (Pat baby's chest above his or her heart.)

God doesn't care if your face is round or small. (With your fingertips, trace a circle around baby's face.)

God doesn't care if you're short or tall. (Touch baby's legs, and then pull him or her gently to a standing position.)

God doesn't care what we look like.

God looks at our hearts, that's right! (Pat baby's chest above his or her heart.)

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## Weaving Faith at Home

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TODDLER

**1** GETTING

## Sing and Celebrate

#### What You'll Do

Sing "We Don't Worry Anymore" (track 9) to the tune of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" anytime during the lesson. Hold hands with a toddler during the song, and sway from side to side.

We don't worry anymore, hallelujah! We don't worry anymore, hallelujah!



#### Mirror, Mirror, Look at Me! Supplies

mirror

# Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

#### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "We Don't Worry Anymore" (track 9)

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For our God is in control, hallelujah! For our God is in control, hallelujah! (Repeat 2x.)

Sing "The Lord Looks" (not on CD) to the tune of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" anytime during the lesson. During the song, stand a toddler on your feet. (You may want to remove your shoes as well as the toddler's.) Set the toddler's back against your legs, and hold on to his or her hands. Walk slowly as you sing the song. Each time you sing the word "heart," bring both of the toddler's hands to his or her heart.

The Lord looks at the heart.

God looks inside of me and you.

The Lord looks at the heart.

God wants a heart that's always true.



#### BIBLE

#### **EXPLORATION**

### David Is the New King Supplies

## Teacher Pack paper crown

#### David Is the New King Easy Prep

Adjust the size of the paper crown to fit a toddler's head.

## David Is the New King

#### What You'll Do

Place the crown on your head. In the following rhyme, each time you say the word "man" or "king," move the crown back and forth between your head and the toddler's head.

Say: God spoke to Samuel. He said, "I've chosen a man, A man whose name is David, and now I have a plan. David will be the new king, a ruler over all. David will be the new king. He'll replace old King Saul."

**▶** GOD DOESN'T CARE HOW WE LOOK.





### A Rainbow of Kids

#### What You'll Do

Place the teaching picture on the floor near a toddler.

#### Ask:

- Where's the baby with no hair? Give the toddler a chance to point to the picture. God loves babies with no hair.
- Where's the baby who's dirty? God loves babies with dirty faces.
- Where's a baby who's happy? God loves happy babies.

Continue asking the toddler to identify baby pictures by specific characteristics, and reinforce that God loves each of the selected babies.

Say: We can tell some things about babies by looking at their pictures, but God knows all about every baby. ▶ GOD DOESN'T CARE HOW WE LOOK. He loves us all the same.

## My Heart

#### What You'll Do

Give each toddler a copy of the "My Heart" page. For this lesson, don't use the handout in the My Bible Snuggles student book so parents will have a clean copy of the handout to use with their children at home. If you're not using the student book, make an extra copy of the handout for each toddler to use at home.

Working with one child at a time, use a glue stick to fill in the inside of the heart on the handout. Then let the child shake the strawberry powder onto the heart. Remind the child that ▶ GOD DOESN'T CARE HOW WE LOOK on the outside but looks inside at our hearts.



#### A Rainbow of Kids Supplies

#### Teacher Pack

"Baby Face" teaching picture

#### My Heart Supplies

1 copy per child of the "My Heart" page (at the end of the lesson) glue stick empty saltshaker strawberry gelatin powder

## ALLERGY ALERT

#### My Heart Easy Prep

Fill a clean saltshaker with strawberry gelatin powder. (Because strawberry gelatin powder can be messy and might stain clothes, you may wish to provide paint shirts or smocks for children to wear.)



# Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

#### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

#### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "We Don't Worry Anymore" (track 9)

## Weaving Faith at Home

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#### 2-YEAR-OLD



## Sing and Celebrate

#### What You'll Do

Sing "We Don't Worry Anymore" (track 9) to the tune of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" anytime during the lesson. Play the song on the CD. Have children form a circle and march clockwise as the song plays.

We don't worry anymore, hallelujah! We don't worry anymore, hallelujah!

For our God is in control, hallelujah! For our God is in control, hallelujah! (Repeat 2x.)

Sing "The Lord Looks" (not on CD) to the tune of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" anytime during the lesson. When you sing, have the children sit in a circle. Each time they sing the word "heart," have them pat their chests above their hearts. Have children point to themselves on the word "me" and point to a friend on the word "you."

The Lord looks at the heart.

God looks inside of me and you.

The Lord looks at the heart.

God wants a heart that's always true.





## David Is God's Chosen King

#### What You'll Do

Gather several 2-year-olds to stand near the "David and His Brothers" poster. Say the following rhyme, and encourage the children to do the motions with you:

Say: God spoke to Samuel. He said, "I've chosen a man. (Cup hand behind ear.)
This is a very special man, and now I have a plan. (Stand up very straight and tall.)
Go now to Bethlehem, and you will find him there. (Pretend to walk in place.)
Don't worry about his face or the color of his hair. (Pat face on the word "face," and touch hair on the word "hair.")

I don't care how he looks or if he's really smart. (Shrug shoulders on the words "don't care," and tap temple on the word "smart.")

I've chosen from the inside first, for I look at the heart." (Pat chest above heart.)

Samuel went to Bethlehem and found God's chosen one. (Pretend to walk in place.)

He found the new king tending sheep. He was Jesse's youngest son. (Pause at the word "sheep" and say "baa.")

David was God's chosen king to rule his people all. (Pretend to put a crown on head.)

David was the new king to replace the old king, Saul. (Pretend to put a crown on head.)

Give the paper crown from the "David and His Brothers" poster to one child, and point to the poster.

#### Ask:

Can you point to which brother is the smallest?

Say: That's right, and that smallest brother is David. He is the new king! Can you hold the crown over his head?

Have the first child give the crown to one of the other 2-year-olds. Continue until each child has had a turn.

Say: David was young, but God saw his heart. God didn't care what David looked like. God chose David because he knew David would serve him well. ▶ GOD DOESN'T CARE HOW WE LOOK.

Pray: Thank you, God, for looking at our hearts. Help our hearts make you glad. In Jesus' name, amen.



#### David Is God's Chosen King Supplies

scissors tape **Teacher Pack** "David and His Brothers" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

#### David Is God's Chosen King Easy Prep

Cut out the Samuel figure as well as the crown from the Big Bible Poster Pack. Hang the poster on a wall close to your story-time area, and set the cutout figures near the poster.



#### The Lord Looks at My Heart Supplies

1 large sheet of red construction paper scissors

#### The Lord Looks at My Heart Easy Prep

Cut a large heart from red construction paper.



## The Lord Looks at My Heart

#### What You'll Do

Have the 2-year-olds join you in a circle. Choose a person to be the "Looker" and to stand in the middle. As you sing the following song to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" (not on CD), pass the heart around the circle. Encourage the child in the middle to watch the heart as it is passed around, reminding the child that ▶ GOD DOESN'T CARE HOW WE LOOK. Instead God looks at the heart. When the song ends, the Looker may tell the name of the child holding the heart. Then the child holding the heart takes a turn in the middle. Play until everyone has had a chance to be the Looker.

The Lord looks at my heart.
The Lord looks at your heart.
God looks down inside of us.
The Lord looks at our hearts.

#### Inside Is What Counts

#### What You'll Do

Play this version of Simon Says to remind children that outward appearances are not important to God. Call out various physical characteristics and motions to fit the descriptions of your 2-year-olds. Use the following example:

Say: **If you have long hair, jump up and down.** Pause, and help the children follow this direction. **God loves children with long hair.** 

If you have short hair, clap your hands. Pause, and help the children follow this direction. God loves children with short hair.

Play this game using many of the children's attributes.

Say: ► GOD DOESN'T CARE HOW WE LOOK. He doesn't care about our hair or the color of our eyes or the color of our skin. God looks at our hearts.



## Weaving Faith at Home

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# Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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#### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

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## **Growing With Jesus**



#### A Beautiful Baby—Inside and Out

Every baby is physically beautiful, especially to his or her own parents. Parents are the ones who have the first opportunity to see the inner beauty their children are developing as well. Take every opportunity to point out and affirm your child's character growth. The internal strength this develops will help your child stand confident in the face of other insecurities he or she may one day face.

Your child learned God doesn't care how we look (from 1 Samuel 16:1-13). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

#### INFANT

#### Mirror, Mirror, Look at Me!

Seat your baby in front of a mirror so he or she can watch as you act out motions while saying this rhyme.

Say: God doesn't care if you have long hair. God doesn't care if your hair's barely there! God doesn't care what we look like. God looks at our hearts. that's right! God doesn't care if your face is round or small. God doesn't care if you're short or tall. God doesn't care what we look like. God looks at our hearts. that's right!

#### **TODDLER**

#### My Heart

Fill a clean saltshaker with strawberry gelatin powder. Working with your child, use a glue stick to fill in the inside of the heart on the "My Heart" handout. Then let your child shake the strawberry powder onto the heart. Remind him or her that God doesn't care how we look on the outside. Instead he looks inside at our hearts.

#### 2-YEAR-OLD

## Inside Is What Counts

Play a version of Simon Says. Call out various physical characteristics and motions to fit your 2-yearold's description, following the example below:

Say: If you have long hair, jump up and down. Pause, and help your child follow this direction. God loves children with long hair.

If you have small hands, clap your hands. Pause, and help your child follow this direction. God loves children with small hands.

Play this game using many of your child's attributes.

God doesn't care how we look. God looks at our hearts.



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Look through a photo album with your child. Describe an inner attribute of one of the people in a photo. For example, say, "Someone in this picture loved a puppy named Spot." Have your child try to guess who it is by appearance. Point out that God knew that fact about the person because God sees what's inside.
- Say this prayer at bedtime so that your child can see you talk to God, too: "Dear God, thank you for looking at my heart and seeing inside me. I'm glad my heart—and not what others see—is important to you. In Jesus' name, amen."



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## My Heart

