

Parent Take-Home Sheet

Reach Community Church | Children's Ministry
Week 26 | David Chosen by God | 1 Samuel 16

THIS WEEK'S LESSON AT A GLANCE

Passage: 1 Samuel 16

Big Idea: God looks at the heart, and He chooses people the world overlooks.

What your child should remember: God did not pick the tallest, strongest brother. He picked David, the shepherd boy, because God looks at the heart. That points us to Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

**People look at the outward appearance,
but the LORD looks at the heart.**

1 Samuel 16:7

What it means: God does not care most about how we look outside. He looks at who we really are inside.

Practice at home: Break it into three pieces and say it at breakfast all week: People look at the outward appearance / but the LORD / looks at the heart.

Ask: What does God look at? **Answer:** The heart, which means who we really are inside.

Parent tip: This verse frees your child from measuring their worth by looks or popularity. God sees them fully and loves them.

TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED

God sent the prophet Samuel, someone God chose to speak His words, to Bethlehem to anoint a new king from the sons of Jesse. To anoint means to pour oil on someone to show God has chosen them. Everyone expected the oldest, tallest brother. But God passed by all seven older brothers and chose David, the youngest, who was out keeping the sheep. God filled David with His Spirit. This shows that God sees the heart, not the outside, and it points forward to Jesus, the true Shepherd King, born in that same Bethlehem.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Children learn quickly to judge themselves and others by looks, ability, and popularity. This lesson tells them the truth: God measures differently. He chose a forgotten shepherd, and He sees your child the same way. It also guards against the lie that we must be impressive to be loved by God.

A simple way to explain it: God does not love you because you are the best. He loves you because He is good, and He sent Jesus for you.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND THAT GOD SEES THE HEART

God sees everything inside us, the good and the wrong we try to hide. Tell your child this is good news, because He sees and loves us, and serious news, because He also sees our sin, which is why we need Jesus. Do not turn it into try to have a good heart so God will pick you. We cannot make our own hearts clean. Only Jesus gives a new heart.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH AT HOME

Question children ask: How could a shepherd boy really become a king?

Simple answer: Because God chose him. God does not pick the way people do.

Read together: 1 Samuel 16:7.

Explain: God's plan does not depend on someone being big or important. He delights to use the overlooked.

Say it kindly: Share it as good news, with a smile, not as an argument to win.

TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Use one or two of these during dinner, bedtime, or in the car. You do not have to ask them all at once.

Q. Who did God choose to be king? **A.** David, the youngest, the shepherd boy. *1 Samuel 16:12*

Q. What does God look at? **A.** The heart, not the outside. *1 Samuel 16:7*

Q. Did David earn it? **A.** No. God chose him in love before David did anything. *1 John 4:19*

Q. How does David point us to Jesus? **A.** Both were shepherds anointed in Bethlehem. Jesus is the true Shepherd King. *Acts 13:22*

Q. How does it feel that God sees your heart and still loves you? **A.** Guide your child toward comfort and honesty. *Psalms 139:23*

TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

Fold a sheet of paper in half. On the front, draw how a person looks on the outside. On the inside, draw something only God can see in a heart, like loving God or being kind. Then say together: People look at the outside, but God looks at the heart.

WHEN YOUR CHILD FEELS LEFT OUT THIS WEEK

If your child feels overlooked, unpicked, or unseen, bring them back to David in the field. You can say: Remember the boy with the sheep? Everyone forgot him, but God saw him and chose him. God sees you too. You are not forgotten. Then point to Jesus: God's love never depends on being picked first by people. Hold truth and grace together.

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

Father, thank You that You see us and love us, even when others do not notice us. Thank You for sending Jesus to make our hearts new. Help us to trust You and follow You. In Jesus' name, amen.

A FINAL THOUGHT FOR PARENTS

You do not have to be a Bible scholar to disciple your child. One short conversation this week, in the car or at bedtime, plants seeds God can grow. Jesus is the point, and the Holy Spirit is the One who does the work in your child's heart. Keep it simple and faithful.