

# David

1 Samuel 16:1-13



God sent Samuel to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the next king of Israel. Jesse had many sons who were older and stronger, but God did not pick them. God was looking on the inside, not the outside. God chose David, the smallest and youngest of Jesse's sons, to be the next king of Israel.

## Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



**David** seemed the least likely of Jesse's sons to be the next king of Israel, but God saw something on David's heart that made him the right choice (1 Sam. 16:7, 12).

**Samuel** was called as a boy to follow God and speak God's messages to others. He first anointed Saul to be king, but when Saul stopped obeying God, God sent Samuel to find a replacement.



**Jesse's** family lived near Bethlehem. He began a family line of kings that led to Jesus (Rom. 15:12).

## About the Video

God sent Samuel to find the next king. After many of Jesse's sons try to impress Samuel, young David is the one whose heart is meant for the job. Samuel anoints David with oil.

- What do you think David's brothers thought when David was chosen?
- What do you think it means to look on someone's heart instead of the outside appearance?
- What kinds of characteristics do you think a king or queen should have?

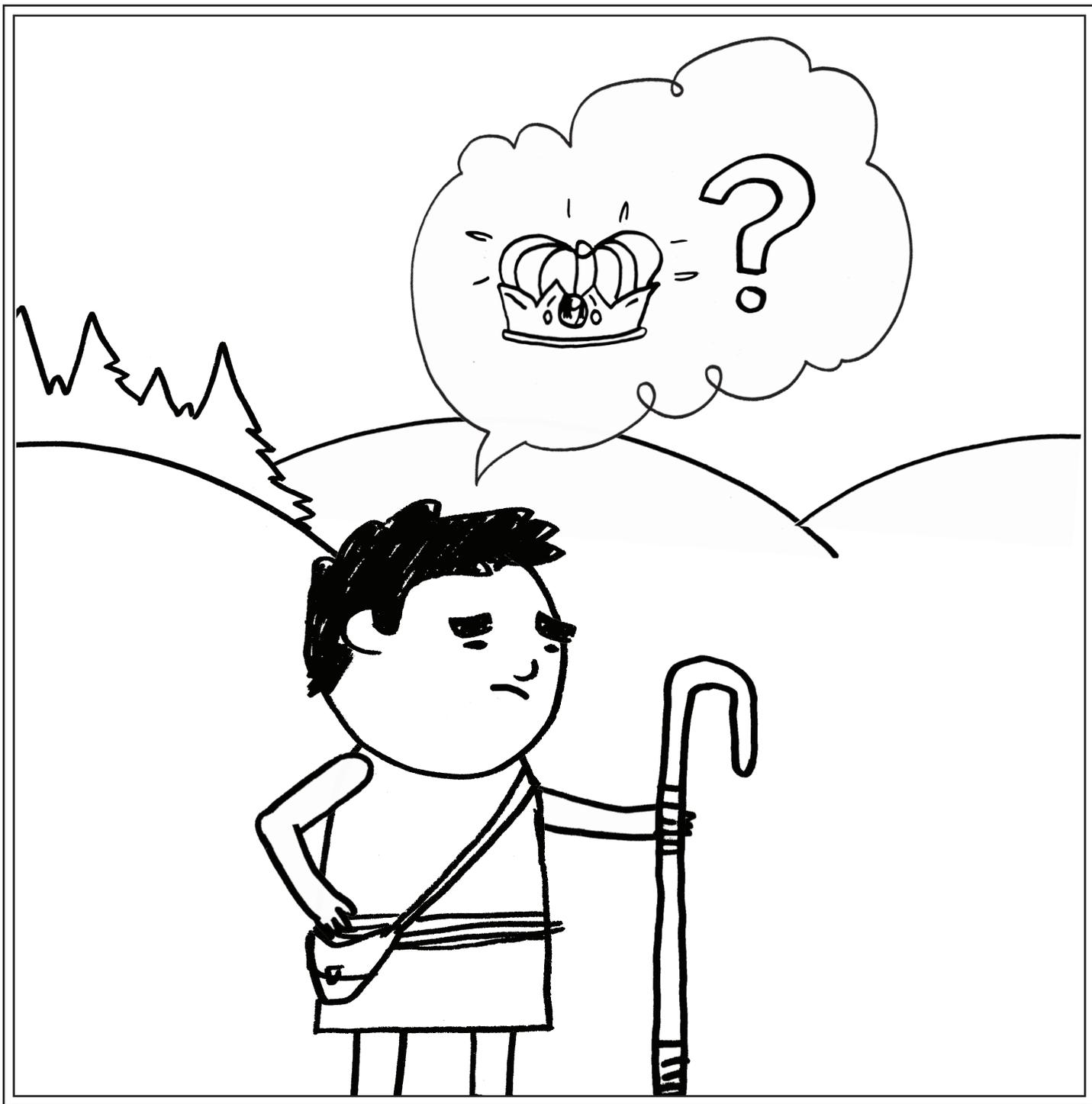
## Try This!

Using olive or baby oil, anoint each other by using your finger to make a small cross on the forehead or back of the hand. As you do so say, "You are anointed by God for a special purpose."

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us gifts, especially the ones that others may overlook. Help us look for and appreciate all the good gifts in our family and friends, especially what you know is inside them. Amen!

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David was a shepherd boy and an unlikely king.

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David was anointed to be king, even though he was a shepherd. Draw some reactions of the people when they heard he was anointed to be king.