

Major Event: David

Lesson 1: David as a Young Man

- God's Chosen King
- Anointed by Samuel
- Defeat of Goliath

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, 1 Samuel 17

Central Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, 1 Samuel 17

Suggested Subjects For Teacher to Cover:

- This time God's choice was not a king for the people according to their desires (as with Saul), but a king for Himself (1 Samuel 16:1) who would put Yahweh first (1 Samuel 13:14)
- Samuel judged Jesse's sons by their external qualities, just as the Israelites judged Saul acceptable because of those characteristics (1 Samuel 16:6). Verse 7 clarifies how God evaluates people, namely, on the basis of their hearts (affections), not their appearances or abilities.
- God was elevating David from the ranks of a shepherd of sheep (1 Samuel 16:11) to become the shepherd of His people, and David's musical ability (1 Samuel 16:18) enabled him to lead the Israelites in the worship of Yahweh later.
- 1 Samuel 17:26-30 David seems to have considered himself capable of defeating Goliath from the first time he heard of Goliath's insults to Yahweh. The fact that he referred to Yahweh as the "living God" (v. 26) shows David's belief that Yahweh was still the same Person who could defeat present enemies as He had done in the past faith, obeying Divine revelation.
- David must've known of God's promises to Moses and Joshua, that if the Israelites would attack their enemies, God would defeat them (Deut. 31:1-8; Josh. 1:1-9). Faith in God always rests on a word from God in Scripture.
- Most of the Israelites took Goliath's challenge as defying Israel (v. 25), but David interpreted it as defying the living God, the only true God (v. 26). Here David's heart for God begins to manifest itself (1 Samuel 16:7).

Suggested Attributes:

Of God: Immutability, Omnipotence, Sovereignty

Of Man: Obedience, Courage, Trust in God

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: 1 Samuel 17, David and Goliath