

David Is Chosen

Introduction

On a large piece of chart paper, write the word "Leader" in the center with a circle around it. Then, draw four spokes from the circle with the following words at the end of each spoke: Team, Class, Church, & Community. Explain that you need help coming up with a description of a good leader. Discuss each of the four words and ask, "What does a good leader look like on a sports team/classroom/church/community?" Brainstorm traits and write them on the paper.

Let's see what the Bible says about choosing leaders. Look up 1 Samuel 16:12b and discuss.

Story

Last time we were in 1 Samuel. Samuel was a boy and God had chosen him to be an important prophet. He's been busy over the years and he's now a man. Samuel anointed a man named Saul to be king. Saul was Israel's first king. Saul disobeyed God and that made God angry. Now it's time for Samuel to anoint another king chosen by God. Today we are reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

Discuss:

- God didn't pick the oldest or the biggest of Jesse's sons to be the next king. How did God select David? (God looked at David's heart.)
- When God chose David, he was the youngest brother in his family and not very big. No one suspected that God would tell Samuel to anoint him to be the next king! Sometimes we don't think anything we can do is anything special. Guess what? God knows you are special on the inside and outside.
- We don't know exactly what Samuel said to David before he was anointed. David had to know that he was being chosen to do something special since that was what anointing meant at that time. How do you think David felt knowing he had been chosen to be the next king? How would you have felt if you were David? How do you feel when someone chooses you to do something important?
- How do you think Jesse and his sons felt at the selection of David as the next king?
- Why did God choose to include this story in the Bible? Why is it so important that we understand David's beginnings?
- How does the selection of this king compare to Jesus?
- What stands out most to you as we study this lesson? What will you take with you?