

## Teacher's Info: August 9th

Here is some quick info on the different components of the lesson, including games and activities.

- ✓ Teacher's Devotional - Gives some background info on the lesson as a whole and prepares the teacher for Sunday. (Do before Sunday)

### Order of Service -

- Worship - God Only Knows, by: King and Country (feel free to come up with your own motions or look up some options) *DVD also*
- Bible Story Center - Includes the intro and story that will be taught.
- Verses - 1 Samuel 16: 1-14 and Psalms 139:14
- God's Word and Me - A great collection of questions to ask the children after the lesson.

- Game - **KEEP IT UP GAME**

*Tape?*  
Description: Have kids stand inside a circle of chairs or cones. (If you use chairs, make sure the seats are facing the outside of the circle to avoid injury.) Make sure the circle is large enough for all the kids to lie down in it at the same time. Begin the game by having children stand inside the circle, then toss a balloon into the air. Kids must work together to keep the balloon in the air, inside the circle. If the balloon goes outside the circle or touches the ground, the kids must all kneel on their knees and play the next round from there. Each time the balloon touches the ground or goes outside the circle, kids must assume a new position. The positions, in order, are: Standing, Kneeling on Knees, Sitting, Lying Down. Our children and youth of all ages enjoy this game, and it teaches teamwork and unity.

- Craft - Hand Verses

Description: Have kids trace one of their hands on a piece of paper using a pencil or marker. Then cut around the excess paper until you have just the cut out of their hand. In each finger write one of the 5 verses, until all their fingers and thumb have a verse. Psalms 139:14, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 10:30, Psalms 139:1, and Psalms 139: 2 - 4.

*Vol read?*

# God Knows Me



## Teacher's Devotional

"I know him inside and out." Such a comment reveals how well we think we know a person! We often assume that we know those with whom we work or live. But just as often, our "knowing" is simply a "management relationship" that replaces true knowledge. We know our spouse's favorite foods and habits, but we know nothing of his or her struggles and fears. Certainly the knowledge those spouses gained never yielded intimacy!

We can live life at a "management" level of knowing others—even in our families or with our spouses. Because the administrative detail of life grows by leaps and bounds, we can become so preoccupied with synchronizing schedules that we begin to think that our time with another has value only when we are "on task." But knowing another goes beyond administrative detail—to the matters that *matter*. That's often perceived as too difficult or a waste of time!

The beauty of God our Father is that He always has time for the time-consuming business of knowing us intimately. He is completely aware of and part of all that goes on in our lives—physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually! He sees the blockage in the artery, the fear in the back of the mind no one else knows, the secret smile that is only for Him at some new mercy revealed. And His knowing of every bit of us, inside and out, never drives Him away! With all He knows, He still loves us more than anyone else!

But by the same token, He longs for us to take time to truly know Him as well: instead of living at a management level of knowing Him (all that administrative detail of good works and church activities), Jesus calls us to be with Him, outside of our busyness. That yields knowing Him in an intimate way that will transform us from good managers into the intimate friends He longs for us to be (see John 15:13-15).

**God's Word**  
 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14  
 For Younger Children:  
 "I praise you because I am . . . wonderfully made."  
**God's Word & Me**  
 We can thank God for knowing us and loving us.





# Bible Story Center

FOR OLDER CHILDREN  
1 Samuel 16:1-13



## Collect

Bible, index cards, marker, tape.

## Prepare

Write each of the following on separate index cards: "Samuel," "Jesse," "Brother 1," "Brother 2," "Brother 3," "Brother 4," "Brother 5," "Brother 6," "Brother 7" and "David." Put a masking-tape loop on the back of each card to make 10 name tags.

## Introduction

**If you could choose any person to be the leader of our country, who would it be? Why? In today's Bible story we'll hear about the reason God chose a most surprising candidate to be the new king of Israel.** Before

telling the story, invite 10 volunteers to wear prepared name tags. Volunteers stand in front of group and act out motions of the Bible story characters as the story is being told.

## Tell the Story

Saul, the first king of Israel, did not always obey God's commands. King Saul seemed to want to do everything his own way, instead of God's way. God was patient with him, but Saul kept on disobeying God and making excuses. Finally God's prophet Samuel had to tell Saul, "Because you no longer obey God, you will no longer be king. The Lord wants a man who loves and obeys Him to be king!" Samuel probably hoped Saul would change and live the way God wanted him to. But Saul continued to disobey God's commands. Samuel eventually grew tired of Saul's excuses and lies. He was very upset that Saul had turned out to be such a disobedient king.

However, God had a plan. God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the home of a man named Jesse so that God could show Samuel the next king. When Samuel arrived in Bethlehem, he did not mention to Jesse that his mission was to find the new king. Instead, Samuel invited Jesse's family to a celebration to worship God.

When everyone was ready, they came together for the celebration. Jesse introduced his sons one at a time to Samuel. When Samuel saw Eliab who was tall and handsome, he thought, *Surely this is the one the Lord has chosen!* But God told Samuel not to focus on outward appearances. Eliab may have had the physical characteristics of what a king might look like, but he was not the one that God had chosen. God said to Samuel, "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." **What characteristics might God have been looking for?** Samuel was introduced to all seven of the sons that Jesse had brought to the celebration, but not one of them was God's choice! "Don't you have any other sons?" Samuel asked Jesse. Samuel knew God could not have made a mistake, so he assumed that Jesse *must* have more sons! And sure enough, there was one more son—David, the youngest brother, who was usually out in the fields taking care of the family's sheep.

**\* Before class, collect a picture of a nose and a knee. Draw a line on a large sheet of paper to make two vertical columns. Glue each picture at the top of a column. Place paper in a treasure chest. After telling the story, remove paper from the treasure chest. Tell children that the two pictures are clues to find a message that tells a reason for which we can praise God. Brainstorm with children words that sound like "nose" and "knee." List the words on the paper until they guess the words "knows" and "me."**



## Treasure Chest Option

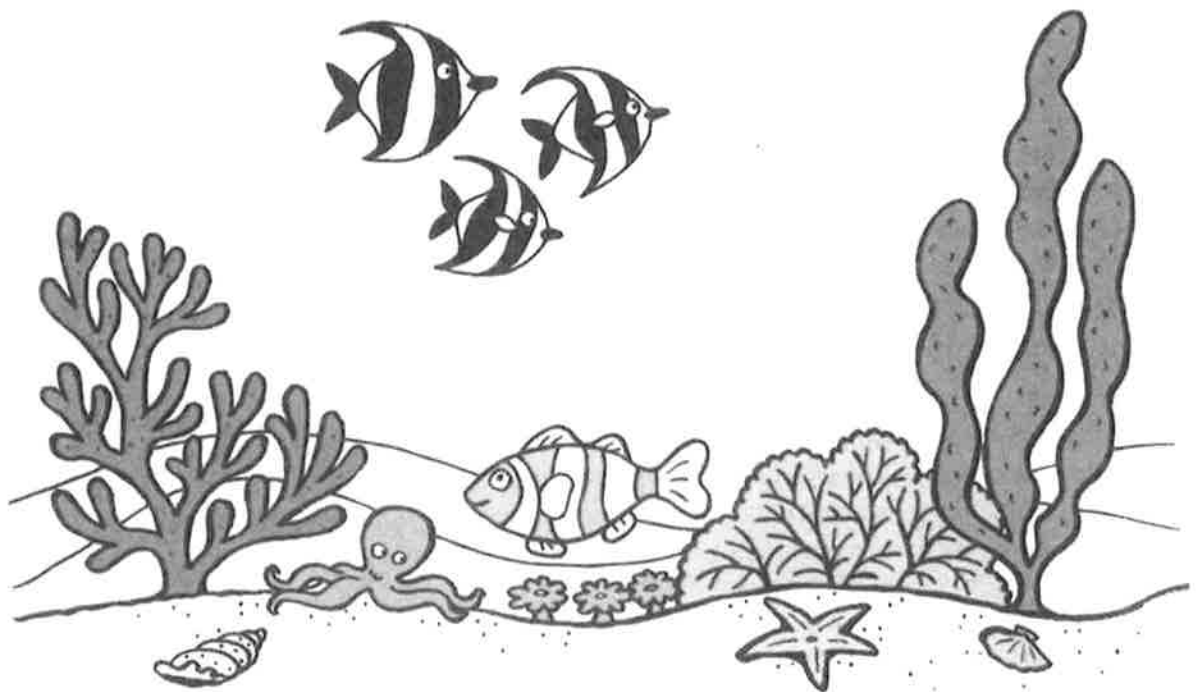
When David was brought before Samuel, God told Samuel that David was the one God had chosen. So Samuel took a horn of oil and poured some of the oil on David's head, anointing David to be the next king of Israel. God chose David because he was a man after His own heart (see 1 Samuel 13:14). **Why do you think David is considered a man after God's own heart?** David loved God more than anything and followed His ways. Because of David's love for God, God promised that a descendant of David's would have a kingdom that would last forever. When God's Son, Jesus, was born many years later, He was called the Son of David because Jesus was from David's family.

## God's Word & Me

Samuel was looking for the one God had chosen to be the new king of Israel. But the things he was looking for in a king were different from what God was looking for! God chose David to be king because He loved David and knew that David loved and obeyed Him. The Bible tells us that God chose us even before He created the world (see Ephesians 1:4)—not to be kings or queens but to be His children! Because we are God's children, He knows us and loves us!

- ☞ How do you think David felt when he was chosen to be king?
- ☞ How was Samuel's choice of the king different from God's? (He wanted to choose a king based on outward appearance. God chose a king based on his love and obedience for Him.)
- ☞ What did God know about David that Samuel could not see? (David loved and obeyed God.)
- ☞ What is something God knows about you that others may not know? Share with children your own answer, and let children know they do not have to answer the question aloud.
- ☞ Read Psalm 139:14. King David wrote Psalm 139, praising God for making and knowing him. God knows everything about you and still loves you! What do you think it means that God knows everything about you? Pray, Dear God, You know us best because You made us! We love You and thank You for always loving us. In Jesus' name, amen.

*list game*





*pre-made  
for younger kids*

Example:

\* it should look similar to this.

- Coloring Page - Can be used during Sunday time or something for the kids to take home.
- Puzzle Center - Given to children as they exit.

#### Services Notes:

- If able, play some music through the aux cord during the beginning of class. (Hillsong Young and Free has some great kids worship)
  - Try to keep everything flowing as quickly as possible.
  - All the supplies and papers needed for your lesson will be found on the craft cart.
  - Make sure to have a quick word of prayer before your helper arrives, or with your helper to set the tone for kids' church.
  - If able, arrive 45 to 30 minutes early just in case you need to set up or grab more materials.
  - Don't hesitate to call, text, or email with any further questions, comments, or concerns.
- Isabela Schroeter - Phone: 419-496-8145 + Email: [isabelaschroeter@gmail.com](mailto:isabelaschroeter@gmail.com)

*P.S. some of the decorations in  
the Kids Room fell down,  
so feel free to put them  
back up if you have time  
or throw them away.*

*I will be redecorating here soon! ☺*

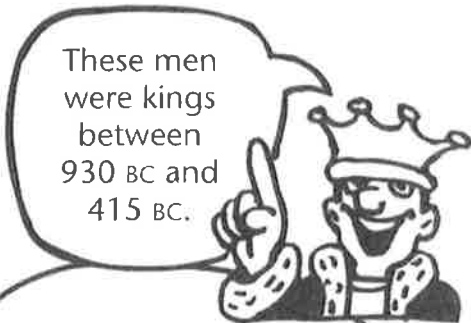


1 Samuel 16:1—13

Who is someone you know and love? God knows us and loves us.

# KING QUIZ

Read the Bible verses to find the missing letters in the names of some of the most famous Bible kings. Then find the names of all these kings in the word search. Why did God choose David to be a king? Draw a heart next to David's name to show that he loved God.



Ah\_\_ (1 Kings 16:33)

Ahaz

Amaziah

Asa

Baasha

\_\_a\_\_id (2 Samuel 2:4)

He\_\_ek\_\_h (2 Kings 18:16)

Hoshea

Jehoahaz

Jehoash

Jehoiakim

Jehoram

Jehoshaphat

J\_\_u (2 Kings 9:5,6)

\_\_er\_\_b\_\_am (1 Kings 12:20)

Jo\_\_i\_\_h (2 Kings 23:23)

Jotham

M\_\_na\_\_eh (2 Kings 21:1)

Menahem

Omri

Pekah

\_\_eh\_\_b\_\_am (1 Kings 11:43)

S\_\_u\_\_ (1 Samuel 11:15)

S\_\_lo\_\_o\_\_ (1 Kings 1:39)

Uzziah

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