

K-2 | October 5

Today's Bible Story: Samuel Anoints David • 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Today's Bottom Line: God can help you make the wise choice.

Monthly Memory Verse: *It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.* Proverbs 16:16 (NIRV)

Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God for choosing David to be king and for wanting to be close friends with each kid who walks into your room today. Ask God to help them know that He sees them, loves them, and is ready to help them make wise choices. Ask God to help them hear His voice. Ask God to help them trust Him, even when they don't feel big or strong or ready!

1. Opening Activity

What You Need:

- ☐ Offering container
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Piece of plain scrap paper
- ☐ Magnetic tiles (on toy shelf)

What To Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave.
- Encourage any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- As kids arrive, invite them to share a fun fact about themselves with you.
- Write the fun fact down on a plain piece of paper.

Play Together:

- Invite the kids to build a roller coaster using magnetic tiles or blocks.
- Encourage teamwork as they build and ask guiding questions about why they chose to build in that way.
- Once everyone's had a chance to build and you've got your fun facts ready, gather the kids in a circle.

Talk Together:

- Read each fun fact out loud and let kids guess whose it is.

What You Say:

"Wow! You all made some incredible roller coasters and learned some fun things about each other! Trying to figure out how to build your coaster, and who the fun fact was about took some curiosity.

"Today in our true story from the Bible, we're going to discover someone who made a wise choice that might surprise you. Samuel was looking for the next king, and God helped him see something special that means a lot to God. Let's go find out how God helped Samuel make the wise choice!"

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- If the group is really enjoying building, it's okay to keep that going longer and skip the fun facts, or do it briefly.

[Lead your group to watch today's video lesson and do worship.]

2. Heart Magnifying Glass

What You Need:

- ☐ "Heart Magnifying Glass" Activity Page
- ☐ Clear plastic film
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Crayons/markers/color pencils
- ☐ Glue sticks

What You Do:

- Give every kid a "Heart Magnifying Glass" Activity page, clear plastic film, scissors, coloring supplies, and glue sticks.
- Say, "Today, we're going to review the Bible Story. As I review the story, go ahead and work on your Heart magnifying glasses!"
 - Step 1) Color your magnifying glasses*
 - Step 2) Cut out your magnifying glasses*
 - Step 3) Rub glue on the inside (non colored side) of the two magnifying glass pieces*
 - Step 4) Place the plastic film over the heart area and place the two magnifying glass pieces together*
 - Step 5) Trim off the excess plastic*

Check Out this Video for Step-By-Step instructions 🖱️



- Read the Bible Story Recap (below) while kids work.

Bible Story Recap

- "The people wanted a king, and God let them have one. His name was Saul. He looked like a good king, but he did NOT love God or listen to Him. God asked Samuel to choose a new king."
- "Samuel went to meet Jesse's family. Jesse showed off *seven* of his strong sons. But God said, 'No, not them.' God wasn't looking for someone who looked like a king; He was looking at their hearts! God wanted someone who loved Him to be king. That was the most important thing to Him."
- "Samuel asked if Jesse had any more sons. And he did! His youngest son, David, was taking care of sheep. When David came in, God said, 'This is the one!' Samuel poured special oil to show that David was chosen."
- "Even when he was young, David loved God and trusted Him. Later, he saw an enemy giant named Goliath who had come to fight God's people. David trusted that God was with him and was brave. David picked up five smooth stones and went to fight with a slingshot. God helped David win!"

What You Say:

"You made some awesome magnifying glass creations!

And they help us remember what happened in today's Bible Story! Samuel chose David to be king, even when it didn't make sense, because Samuel chose to listen to God. God saw David's HEART. David loved God, and that meant so much to God. God made David king!

“Samuel didn’t know how to choose a king, so he listened to God. That’s wisdom! It’s saying ‘God, what do I do?’ God loves it when we ask Him that!

“And God wants to help you make wise choices. When you decided to follow Jesus, God sent the Holy Spirit to live with you. He goes with you every step of your life, and will help you make wise choices. So you can ask Him: ‘God, what do I do?’ and He will tell you!

“Here’s what I want you to remember: **God can help you make the wise choice.** You can ask God for wisdom anytime!”

3. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need:

- ☐ No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to sit with you in a circle.
- Let them know you’re going to pray using a call-and-response style (you say a line, they repeat it back).
- Remind the kids that, “**God can help you make the wise choice.**” Praying is one way we can seek godly wisdom!
- Invite the group to share any prayer requests.
- Close the group in prayer.

Prayer:

Leader: Dear God,

Kids: Dear God,

Leader: You are an awesome God!

Kids: You are an awesome God!

Leader: We are so grateful

Kids: We are so grateful

Leader: that all wisdom comes from You,

Kids: that all wisdom comes from You,

Leader: and You like to share it with us!

Kids: and You like to share it with us!

Leader: When I don’t know what to do,

Kids: When I don’t know what to do,

Leader: help me to stop and ask,

Kids: help me to stop and ask,

Leader: because You love to help me

Kids: because You love to help me

Leader: make the wise choice.

Kids: make the wise choice.

Leader: We love You, God.

Kids: We love You, God.

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray

Kids: In Jesus' name we pray,

Leader: Amen.

Kids: Amen.

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Allow the kids to pray silently if they aren't ready to speak aloud.