

1 Samuel 16

Men look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

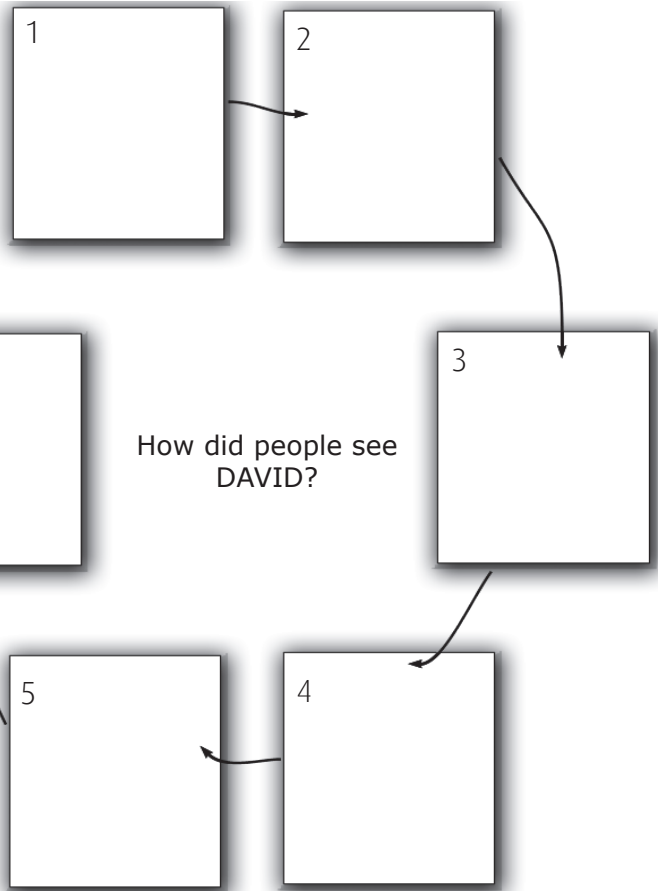
Readings this week:

- S 1 Samuel 16
- M 1 Samuel 17
- T 2 Samuel 9
- W Psalm 8
- Th Psalm 23
- F Psalm 132
- S Acts 13:13-43

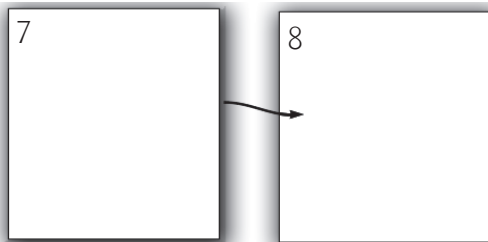
David may not have looked to others like the best man to be the next king of Israel; but we learn in this lesson how God’s impressions of a person are sometimes different from our own. As you do the lesson, watch out for things which teach you about the way God might see you!

Look at the verses and make a note of what each one tells you about how people saw David and his place in his family.

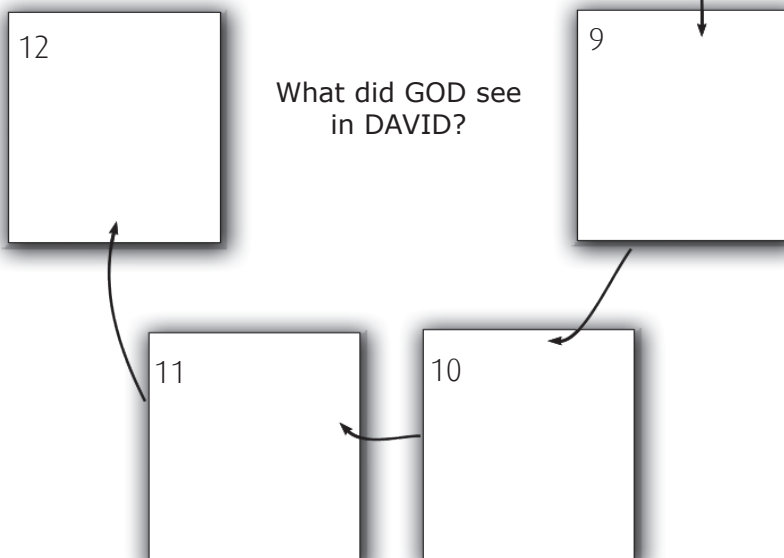
1. 1 Samuel 16:10-11, 1 Chronicles 2:15. What was his position in his family?
2. 1 Samuel 16:5,11. Was he considered important enough to be included in the family?
3. 1 Samuel 17:28. How did his brother treat him?
4. 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Psalm 23:5. What do we learn about how his brothers regarded him?
5. 1 Samuel 17:28. Had he been given a job that others considered important?
6. 1 Samuel 17:34-35. Was his family near to protect him?



How did people see DAVID?



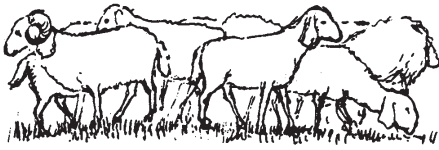
What did GOD see in DAVID?



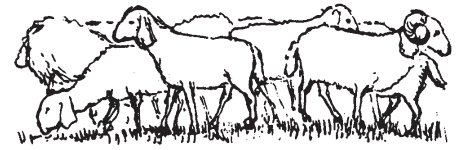
In these verses, see what you can find which tells us why God chose David to be king?

7. 1 Samuel 18:18. How did David consider his own importance?
8. Did he complain about being left out?
9. 1 Samuel 17:29. Did he answer back to defend himself?
10. Psalm 69:8; Psalm 27:10. How did he see his family?
11. Psalm 23:1-4. How did he learn to see the work that he did?
12. 1 Samuel 17:37. Where did David look for help?

You probably know Psalm 23 quite well. It tells us lots about David, his attitude to God and his relationship with him. Use a highlighter pen to highlight phrases which you think show you something about David's personality and his faith. Write next to the phrase what it tells you.



Psalm 23



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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Learn the names of these books in order.

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel

2 Samuel

Digging Deeper

Some more Bible books

This year you have been having lessons from the part of the Bible which tell the history of the Israelites from their entry into the promised land.

Finish the following sentences about each book. Use a Bible with headings to chapters if you have forgotten already!

The book of **Joshua** tells how

Judges tells of

The story of **Ruth** takes place at the time of

Three important people in **1 Samuel** are ...

2 Samuel tells us about the time of David after he is

Pray that you may spend more time getting your heart right than arranging your outward appearance.