



## Lesson: God Chooses David

October 15 & 19

### Small Group Guide: Olders

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| <b>Bible Skill</b>                         | OT Books of the Bible Sticks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>The Point:</b>                          | God Calls Us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Memory Verse:</b><br><b>Isaiah 43:1</b> | Scrambler:<br>Students this week will put the memory verse puzzle together as a relay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Scripture:</b>                          | Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13 & Psalm 51:10-14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Observation Questions:</b>              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Why did Samuel think the older sons would be a good king? (tall, strong, handsome, smart, etc.)</li><li>2. Are these good traits for a king? (no)</li><li>3. Why do you think God chose David? (God knew David's heart)</li><li>4. What do we mean when we say, "God knew David's heart?" (God knew David was a shepherd who took care of sheep. So, he was caring. David spent time with God out in creation while tending the sheep. So, he had spent time with God. He fought off lions and bears which means he was courageous.</li><li>5. Why would it be important for a king to have a good heart? (then they will make fair and good decisions and do the right thing)</li><li>6. Describe one thing about each other that you can see by looking at them. Then describe one thing you know about who they are as a person – something that lives in their heart.</li></ol> |
| <b>Application And/or Activity</b>         | <b>How God Sees:</b> (You may be given one per group or one per student.) Students fill out the worksheet by drawing lines from the image on one side to the image on the other side that corresponds with each other.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                | <p>1. Oyster shell &amp; pearl: rough and dark at first then white and shiny.</p> <p>2. Charcoal &amp; diamond: black and dirty then become clear and stunning.</p> <p>3. Acorn &amp; Oak Tree: very small turns into something very big.</p> <p>* Each of these start out not much at first, but then out of them comes truly beautiful creations of God.</p> <p><b>Create In Me A Clean Heart:</b> Students will be given a scratch off sheet in which they can scratch out the words "Create In Me A Clean Heart"</p> <p>*When David made mistakes, he always came to God and asked Him to forgive him and help him make better choices. The Psalm we read was one David wrote asking God to clean his heart. What a great example for us.</p> |
| <b>Prayer:</b> | <p>Lord God, you saw David's heart, and you see our hearts too. Thank you for giving us gifts and talents. Give us the courage to use them to tell others about you. Amen</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |