



Unit 7, Lesson 26

## TODAY'S EPIC STORY: DAVID BECOMES KING

1 SAMUEL 16:6-13;  
2 SAMUEL 2:1-11;  
5:1-12, 17-25

### THE STORY @ HOME

God told Samuel that a new king was to be anointed since Saul had been disobedient. In this Epic story, Samuel followed God's leading and went to Bethlehem and invited Jesse and his sons to a sacrifice. Samuel looked at all of Jesse's sons who were strong and handsome and smart, but God had not chosen one of them. God had chosen the youngest son, David, who was still out caring for the sheep, to be the next king. Samuel anointed David. When David was grown up, he became the king of Israel and his kingdom became very strong.

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Look at 1 Samuel 16:7. What does God look for when He chooses someone to lead His people or do His work? Does God still look for those same characteristics today?
- How did David's life change from when he was a boy and Samuel anointed him to when he grew up?
- How was David different from Saul?
- Wonder together... how would it look for someone who follows God wholeheartedly to lead today? Do you know anyone who leads like that?

### TOGETHER @ HOME

David was a shepherd who took good care of his father's sheep. Spread cotton balls around the living room. Designate one person to be David and another person to be a lion or a bear. Have David try to pick up all the cotton balls and protect his "sheep" before the lion or the bear can count to a designated number (such as 10 or 20) with his or her eyes closed. When the animal gets to the designated number, he will open his eyes and begin trying to pick up "sheep."

### BIBLE MEMORY @ HOME

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Using cardboard from a cereal box, cardstock, or paper, draw some simple glasses, or even a monocle. Cut out the glasses, decorate them, and wear them. When you're wearing your glasses, say the Bible verse together. Or, find pairs of sunglasses, put them on, and march around the house saying the Bible verse together.

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