

K-5th Grade
David Was Anointed
Discussion Questions

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 16–17

STORY POINT: God chose David to be king instead of Saul.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 145:13

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

K - 5TH GRADE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Remind kids that in today's Bible story, God chose David to be king instead of Saul. Remind them that Samuel went to Bethlehem to meet Jesse's sons. Point to Bethlehem (14) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Samuel 16:7.

Say: When Samuel looked at Jesse's sons, he assumed one of the older, stronger brothers would be the king God chose. But that was not God's plan. David did not look like a king or a mighty warrior, but God chose him to be the king over Israel and gave him victory over Goliath.

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

Why was David willing to fight Goliath? Was he simply a confident kid? Prompt kids to discuss how David did not rely on his own strength—he was just a boy!—but relied on God and His strength. He knew God had kept him safe in the past, and he trusted God to protect him from Goliath too. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Prov. 18:10.)

Who do you most relate to in the story—David or the fearful Israelites? Why? Though kids may prefer to relate to brave David, suggest that we are most often like the Israelites who were unable to win a battle against a strong enemy. David reminds us of Jesus, who defeated sin and death and invites us to share in His victory. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 16:33.)

How does Jesus' victory help us face other challenges in our lives? Lead kids to recognize that God gives us power over our greatest enemy—sin. God gives the Holy Spirit to those who trust in Jesus. By His power, we can resist temptation. God's Spirit does not cause us to fear; He makes us powerful, loving, and self-controlled. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read 2 Tim. 1:7.)

Journal and prayer

Give a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself? Whom can I tell about this story?