

This Month's Memory Verse

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.

Romans 10:9-10

April 14

Title: God Chose David to be King

Passage: 1 Samuel 16

Christ Connection:

God's choice of David to be Israel's next king was surprising. David was the youngest in his family, but God saw David's heart for the Lord. When Jesus came to earth, He seemed like a surprising choice for a king. Jesus is the perfect King who saves us from our sin and reigns forever.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Samuel trusted God would lead him to find the next king. What are ways we can trust God?
- What does a king do? What does it mean that Jesus is the King of Kings?

Family Connection:

Grab some popcorn and fun snacks and watch an episode of an audition show. After each act comes onstage, pause the show and allow each family member to vote on if they will actually have talent or not. When you finish the show, discuss how impossible it was to determine whether someone actually had talent based on their appearance. In the same way, we can't actually determine someone's heart just by looking at them. Explain that there are a lot of people who look really good, do good things, and maybe say all the right things. But their hearts might be really far from God. Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to shape the hearts of each family member.

Parent Action:

Pray for how God might be calling you – even if it surprises you!