

ELEMENTARY (K-3)

14. The Teeny Weenie... True King!

The story of Samuel anointing David.

Memory Verse

'The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.'

2 Chronicles 16:9a NIV

Story Time

Read 'The teeny, weenie...true king!' (pages 116-121 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

Joshua led God's people and after Joshua died, God had been leading them and helping them know the way by raising up Judges. But the people had forgotten their promise to trust God and started to grumble again! God's people looked around and saw that all the other groups of people had kings. They wanted a king just like everyone else, so they looked for the most powerful looking man to be king, and they found Saul. Saul was tall and strong, but he made a lot of mistakes, he wasn't close to the kind of king the people needed. David looked a lot different to Saul. He was small and weak in comparison, but there was one big difference. David longed for God. It's like his heart was hungry to know and love God more. He wasn't the people's first choice, but he turned out to be a better king than Saul because (most of the time) he looked to God. David still made a lot of mistakes. One day, a true and flawless King would come. He wouldn't be the people's first choice either, a small powerless baby born in a manger; but His heart is filled with a perfect love. The search for the true king would end with Him - Jesus.

Digging a little deeper:

God chose a people, the Israelites, so they'd be set apart. Like a beacon of light to show the world how following God was different. But time and time again, God's people forget that God's way looks different

and they grumble because they want to look like everyone else.

The rescuer came to save ALL people, not just one group, but everyone. He asks we live a life that's set apart too, a life that looks different.

Questions to get you talking:

- What do you think a King looks like?
- What makes a good King?
- Have you ever tried to change how you look or how you act to fit in?
- How strong are you? Can you lift up your Mom or Dad?!

Activities in your box

- **Heart paper chain craft** Use the paper in your box (& tape/staples from home) to create a heart shaped paper chain. A great reminder that David wasn't what people expected, but he had a heart that was hungry for God (and that's what mattered)!



- Colouring Sheet

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