

CHOSEN

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GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, THE ISRAELITES, ASKED GOD FOR A KING, AND HE GAVE THEM SAUL. BUT SAUL DISOBEYS GOD. (SEE 1 SAMUEL 8).

WHEN KING SAUL PROVES RECKLESS AND HEADSTRONG, GOD REJECTS HIM— AND SUMMONS SAMUEL, A PROPHET.

Samuel, how long will you mourn for Saul?

Go to Bethlehem.

I have chosen one of Jesse's sons to be king.

If Saul hears of it, he'll kill me.

Say, "I have come to sacrifice."

Invite Jesse, and I will show you whom to anoint.

IN BETHLEHEM, SAMUEL WONDERS WHICH SON IS TO BE KING—

GOD SPEAKS TO SAMUEL AGAIN.

Do not look at his appearance or his height. The Lord does not see as man sees.

Man looks at the outside, but God looks at the heart.

The Lord has not chosen these. Are all the young men here?

Well, there's still the youngest. He's watching the sheep.

Send for him.

JESSE'S SON DAVID ARRIVES—AND GOD TELLS SAMUEL TO ANOINT* HIM KING.

DAVID GOES BACK TO HERDING HIS FATHER'S SHEEP. HE OCCASIONALLY SERVES KING SAUL (SEE 1 SAMUEL 16:14–23).

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD COMES ON DAVID FROM THAT DAY FORWARD.

* POUR OIL ON HIS HEAD AS A SIGN OF GOD'S FAVOR

Now You Know!

During David's time, people used oil on their bodies for medicinal and cosmetic purposes, religious rites, and burials. (Biblestudytools.com)

Consider This

By pouring oil on David's head, Samuel anointed David. This was a sign that God had chosen David as the next king. How would you feel if someone poured oil on your head? _____

Being anointed was an honor. What might we do today to show that we honor someone? _____

Make It Real

God sent Samuel to visit the town of Bethlehem while King Saul still reigned in Israel. Saul could have thought that Samuel was betraying him by anointing David. But God told Samuel exactly what to do, and Samuel obeyed.

In David's culture, older sons were more important than younger sons. As the youngest of Jesse's sons, David was the least important of his father's children.

David learned leadership skills as he cared for his father's sheep. He became God's friend, and he learned how to depend on Him.

What leadership skills are you learning today? _____

What are you doing to serve God with these skills? _____



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Get in Gear

Study the map and become familiar with the places from the story.

JESSE SENDS DAVID TO CHECK UP ON HIS BROTHERS WHO ARE ON A BATTLEFIELD. DAVID LEARNS THAT GOLIATH THE GIANT IS CHALLENGING THE ISRAELITES TO SEND A MAN THAT HE MAY FIGHT ONE-ON-ONE.

GOLIATH JEERS AT DAVID, WHO HAS DARED TO CONFRONT HIM.

Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?

Come here—and I'll feed you to the beasts!

You come against me with sword and spear,

but I come against you in the name of the God of Israel, whom you have defied.

Today God will deliver you into my hands.

Everyone will know the battle is the Lord's!

PLACING A STONE IN HIS SLING, DAVID TAKES AIM AT THE GIANT.

DAVID TRIUMPHS OVER GOLIATH WITH A SLING AND STONE.

THE ARMY OF ISRAEL CHASES THE PHILISTINES BACK TO THEIR LAND, UTTERLY DEFEATING THEM.

Now You Know!

There is some controversy as to Goliath's height. Many scholars believe that he was just under seven feet tall. (Living-faith.org)

Consider This

Why was David's oldest brother Eliab angry with him, even though David was following their father's instructions? (See 1 Samuel 17:28.) _____

What would you have said if you were David? _____

What would you do if you were sent on a difficult errand? _____

Make It Real

David carried three-fifths of a bushel (21 liters) of dried grain to his brothers, who were 10–15 miles from Bethlehem, at the Israelite army camp on the side of a mountain. What is the most difficult errand you have had to complete?

Did someone help you? If so, who? _____

Get in Gear

Use your Bible to answer the questions or fill in the blanks. Write your answers in the crossword puzzle below.

1. Where did the Israelite army camp?

(1 Samuel 17:2)

2. Who was the king of Israel?

(1 Samuel 17:2)

3. What animals did the youngest son care for? (1 Samuel 16:11)

4. What is the name of David's father?

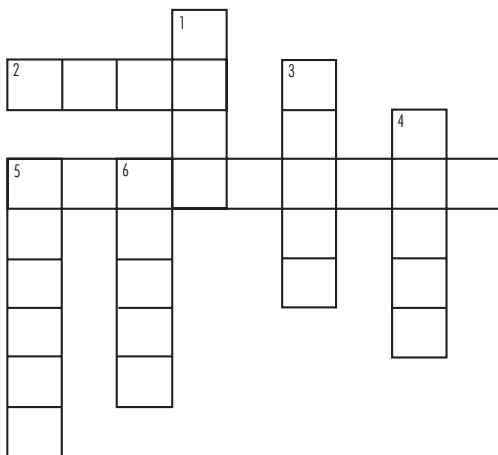
(1 Samuel 17:12)

5. **ACROSS** What city was David's father from? (1 Samuel 17:12)

5. **DOWN** Goliath's helmet was made of _____.

(1 Samuel 17:5)

6. How many of David's brothers were with the army? (1 Samuel 17:13)



Answers: 1. Elah, 2. Saul, 3. Sheep, 4. Jesse, 5. ACROSS Bethlehem, 5. DOWN Bronze, 6. Three