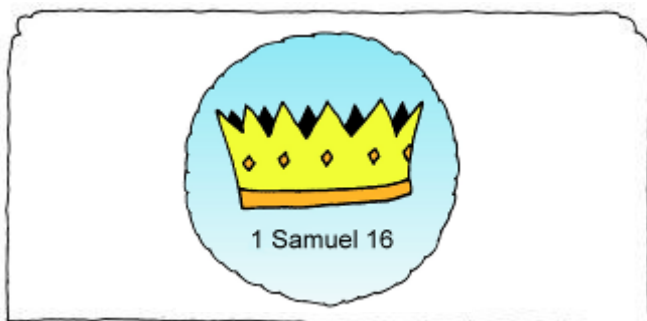


# CHOOSING a king

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God knows everything about us. The things that are important to Him are how much we love God and that we are honest and good.



One day God spoke to Samuel and said, "Fill your horn with oil and go to Bethlehem; there you will find a man called Jesse. I have chosen one of his sons to be King."



Samuel went to find Jesse. "Call your sons together and we will make an offering to God," he said. "One of your sons will have God's blessing today."



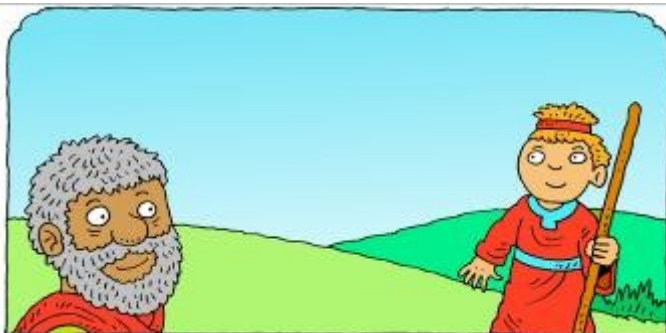
"Show me who you choose," Samuel prayed. "It is not being the most handsome, tall or strong that makes a good king," said God. "I look for a good and honest heart."



Samuel looked at each one of Jesse's sons, but not one of them were God's chosen king. "Do you have any more sons?" Samuel asked.



"My youngest son is just a boy and he is looking after the sheep," replied Jesse. "Send for him straight away," Samuel told him. "We won't sit down to eat until he gets here."



As soon as Samuel saw David, God said to him, "This is the one I have chosen to be King of Israel, because I know how much he loves me."



Samuel poured the Holy oil in his horn onto David's head, to show he was God's chosen King. God's spirit was with David from that very day.