

Loving Hearts & Working Hands



Lesson 5

David's Heart and Hands

Theme: Faith — Trusting God in frightening circumstances

Memory Verse

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”

1 Samuel 16:7

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- 2 1 Samuel 16:14-23
- 3 1 Samuel 17:3-16
- 4 1 Samuel 17:20-26, 31-40
- 5 1 Samuel 17:41-52



Saul could have been a great king, but he was driven by pride and jealousy. God rejected Saul as being Israel's king and anointed someone else.

God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to anoint one of Jesse's sons as Israel's next king. God explained that He looks inside of people, at their hearts.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Circle all correct answers.

Why did Samuel think Jesse's son Eliab would be the choice for Israel's king?

- he looked good
- he wore a crown
- he was tall

Cross out the ones that do not belong. When God looks at a person's heart, what is He looking at?

mind thinking attitudes
a blood pump eyes ears



A man may look good; he may be strong and brave; but if his heart is not set on doing God's will, he isn't the man God wants to lead His people.

For Israel's second king, God chose a man because of his heart.

When we have a choice in selecting a leader, we must be careful to look at the person's heart to see if he follows God.

1 Samuel 16:14-23

True or False? When an evil spirit came on Saul, his servants thought listening to harp music would help him.

Saul came to love David and David served as Saul's _____.

David Trusts the Lord

God chose David to be Israel's second king. David, like Saul, was a handsome man, but David was more than handsome. David had a kind of heart that God could use to help David be a great king for Israel.

When Saul was king, a huge Philistine soldier named Goliath made fun of the Israelites. Goliath challenged any soldier of Israel to fight him in hand-to-hand combat. If Goliath won, Israel would serve the Philistines. If Goliath lost, the Philistines would serve Israel. Goliath was so big and strong that for forty days no soldier of Israel volunteered to accept the challenge. Saul and his soldiers were afraid.



1 Samuel 17:3-16

Connect the words on the left to the correct words on the right.

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| If Goliath won | they were afraid. |
| If the Israelite won | two times every day. |
| When Saul and Israel heard Goliath's words | Israel would serve the Philistines. |
| Goliath challenged the Israelites | the Philistines would serve Israel. |

David was a young man at this time and was not yet a soldier. Coming near the battlefield one day, David heard Goliath's challenge. David knew Goliath was not just making fun of Israel's army, but of *God's* army. David bravely volunteered to fight Goliath.

Looking from the outside, David was no



match for Goliath; but there was more to David than what people could see. David believed God would help him. He placed five smooth stones in a pouch, took his sling in his hand, and went to face Goliath.

David Fights Goliath with God's Help

David went out to fight the giant in

the name of the Lord. David placed a stone in his sling and slung it. The stone hit Goliath on his unprotected forehead and knocked him to the

1 Samuel 17:20-26, 31-40

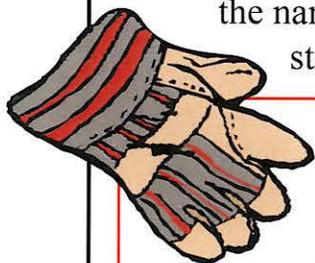
David was upset about Goliath's challenge because he was challenging:

- King Saul
- the army of God
- his own brothers

Circle all correct answers. What had God helped David do already that helped David trust God?

kill a lion kill a lamb kill a bear

kill other enemies of Isarel



1 Samuel 17:41-52

David told Goliath he was coming against him in whose name?

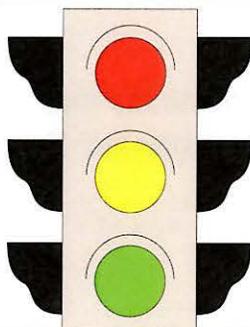
Use your dictionary to find the meaning of "disdain." Write it here:

Since Goliath didn't trust God, who did he trust?

ground. David ran over, took Goliath's sword, and cut off his head. When the Israelite soldiers saw what David did, they started fighting against the Philistines and chased them away.

David loved and trusted God. David put his hands to work to be a great leader of God's people.

When I know the devil is trying to attack me or my friends, I am sure God is with me to help me stand against Satan.

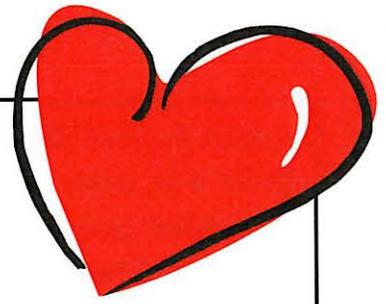


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — never

Yellow — sometimes

Green — always



Think About It ...

If you have to vote for a student at school for a special honor, what do you think about to help you make your decision? Circle all the ones you would consider:

- how cute they are
- how well-behaved they are
- how honest they are
- how many other people are voting for them
- how popular they are
- how good they are at what they are being chosen for

What else can you think of that would help you decide?



Working Hard on Bible Facts

Right here, right now, write from memory John 3:16.

Which Old Testament book is about a Jewish queen rescuing her people?

On a map inside the back cover, locate the major regions of Canaan — Negev, Hill Country, Coastal Plain and Transjordan. Be ready to find these places on a map in class.