

Who Will Be King?

Materials

- ☐ Description strips (following page)
- ☐ Container
- ☐ Optional: paper or toy crown

Instructions

Print and cut out the description strips and place half of them in a container. Make sure the “I love the Lord” strip is included. Choose the same number of contestants as strips. The rest of the class will be the judges.

Begin by explaining that this is a contest to see who should be the next king. The judges’ job is to choose the next king from several contestants.

Have each contestant come up front one at a time and take a description strip from the container. You or an assistant should quietly read it to them. Have them go before the judges and say, “I should be king because (whatever their strip says),” then they should do the suggested action. When finished, have them stand at the front leaving room for the next contestant. Continue until the container is empty.

Ask the judges, “Who will be king? Should ____ be king because he (whatever his description strip says)? Remind judges that God doesn’t look at all the things we can do on the outside but looks at the heart. The contestant who loves the Lord should be crowned king with the paper/toy crown.

Put the second half of description strips into the container, including the “I love the Lord” strip. Choose new contestants and judges for a second round.

Suggested Discussion

Our contestants all showed us something special about them on the outside. But the Bible says the most important part of a person is what’s inside—in our heart. That’s what God looks at.

Samuel thought Eliab should be king because he was tall and strong. But God told Samuel that he looked at his heart and did not choose him. Instead, God chose David because he had a heart that loved God and wanted to obey him.

I'm strong (show muscles).

**I'm wearing a _____ (point to
and describe article of clothing).**

I'm a fast runner (run in place).

I'm smart (point to head).

I'm good at art (pretend to paint or draw).

I'm pretty/handsome (point out hair, face, clothes).

I can play an instrument (pretend to play an instrument).

I'm good at sports (pretend to kick, throw, or dribble a ball).

I'm good at video games (pretend to use a game controller).

I love the Lord and obey him (pretend to open a Bible or pray).