



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 76

God Chooses David

1 Samuel 13:14, 16:6–19; 1 Corinthians 1:27

This historical account is important because it reminds us of the sovereignty of God. But it's mixed up! Every sentence below is false because one word has been changed. Can you make it right? Cross out the bold red word that makes it false and write the correct word above it. Use 1 Samuel 16:14–21 for help.

A _____ harmful **sickness** tormented Saul (1 Samuel 16:14). His servants suggested that music on the _____ **banjo** might make him feel better (1 Samuel 16:16). They suggested the son of **Obed** as a skillful musician and man of _____ valor (1 Samuel 16:18). Saul sent messengers to bring **Eliab** to him (1 Samuel 16:19). David was prudent in **writing** and the Lord was with him (1 Samuel 16:18). Jesse sent David to _____ Saul to enter his **competition** (1 Samuel 16:21). Saul loved David and made him his _____ **cupbearer** (1 Samuel 16:21).

ANSWERS: sickness=spirit, banjo=lyre, Obed=Jesse, Eliab=David, writing=speech, competition=servant, cupbearer=armor-bearer



Name _____

Memory Verse

Answer the questions based on the memory verse.

IF WE SAY WE HAVE NO SIN, WE **DECEIVE**
OURSELVES, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US.
IF WE **CONFESS OUR SINS**, HE IS **FAITHFUL**
AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO
CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.
1 JOHN 1:8-9

What are we doing if we say we have no sin?

What do we have to do before God forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness?

What two attributes of God are in the memory verse?

- What You Heard** *In the Word*
- God chose David to be the next king of Israel because David had a heart that loved and trusted God.
 - David was the youngest son of Jesse. He was a shepherd and a musician called to serve King Saul.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend tells you that she just doesn't feel like she is good enough, smart enough, pretty enough, or brave enough to do anything that would really matter. **What could you tell her?**

The world makes us think that we need to be great in everything in order to do something important. But that's not the way God thinks! God created you just the way you are, and it wasn't an accident. The most important thing you can have is a heart that loves God and wants to obey him. If your heart is right toward God, he can use you. When God uses us, we can be sure it will be important and will really matter.



HomeWord *For Parents*

God had rejected Saul as king over Israel because of his disobedience. God sent the prophet Samuel to a man of Judah, named Jesse, to anoint the king who would replace Saul. God promised to reveal to Samuel which of Jesse's sons was the one whom God had selected (1 Samuel 16:1). As Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel, he thought that surely God must have chosen Eliab, Jesse's oldest, as Israel's new king (1 Samuel 16:6). But the Lord revealed to Samuel that the things that impressed Samuel were not the things that were important to God. Eliab's appearance and height were the focus of Samuel's admiration, but the Lord looks on the heart (1 Samuel 16:7). Jesse's youngest son, David, would replace Saul as king. The Lord chose David because he was a man after his own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). David was also skillful in playing music, a man of valor and war, wise in speech, and handsome (1 Samuel 16:18).

Saul remained the king for a while even after God had chosen David to replace him. David was given the Spirit of God to sustain him (1 Samuel 16:13). Because of Saul's disobedience, God sent a harmful spirit to trouble him (1 Samuel 16:14). In God's sovereignty and perfect plan, David was brought to Saul's court to calm Saul with his lyre when that evil spirit came upon him (1 Samuel 16:23). David obediently served Saul, and Saul loved him (1 Samuel 16:21). God was controlling events to bring David to prominence and popularity with the people of Israel.

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