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David- The Calling



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Introduction

We are excited about our hero for the month... David! He is known as a man after God's own heart. As we study the life of David, we will remain inspired to seek God with all our hearts, all the days of our lives. We look forward to a month of learning about this great hero of the Bible.

Lesson Objectives:

- Teach the children that God has called them to be heroes in this generation, and that the most important characteristic of a hero is their heart.
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- Teach the children to guard their hearts through the words that come out of their mouths.

Lesson Context:

- This story takes place in Bethlehem, a small town in Judah.
- The characters involved are: God, the prophet Samuel, Jesse (David's father), David's brothers, and David.
- God sent Samuel to anoint David because He needed a king to replace Saul, who had disobeyed God.

Read in advance:

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NLT).
- Luke 6:45c (NLT).

Memorize the Word:

"The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

"...The Lord looks at the heart." **1 Samuel 16:7 NLT**

Declaration for the week:

"I have a heart after God"

Word of the week:

heart



Opening Activity:

Talk about different heroes from the Bible.

Let the kids mention one thing about the Bible hero or chapter they mentioned. Introduce the hero of the month - David.

Hear if the kids know any facts about David.

Opening Prayer:

Father, thank You for this day. Thank You that I get to learn about You once again. Please help me to understand Your word so I can be a hero for You. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Read the following verses to the kids: 1 Samuel 16

- V1 “Now the Lord said to Samuel, “Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him.”
- V7 The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”
- V13 So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on”



Remind the children:

- God is calling you! (v.1): God was the One who told the prophet Samuel to go and anoint David. The Lord is calling each child so that they too can become great heroes in their generation.

Every hero is born when God calls them!

- God looks at the heart! (v.7): God does not choose a hero based on their height, age, strength or appearance. The Lord looks for heroes who have a pure, loving and obedient heart.

The most important characteristic of a hero is their heart!

- The Holy Spirit is our helper (v.13): The Holy Spirit is the one who helps us when God gives us a task to do. Just as the Holy Spirit was with David, so He can be with you in everything.

A hero knows that the Holy Spirit is the helper!

Application



Make an appeal for those who want to commit to being heroes. Once all the children accept the call, explain that being a hero involves watching what we say. Have them stand up and place their right hand on their heart. Encourage them to make this commitment together:

Say together: “Today I commit to being a hero, to not saying bad words, to not shouting at my parents and to not complaining. I will only speak good and thankful words that encourage others and build them up.”

Pray: (let the children pray after you)

Father, thank You for choosing me to be a hero in my generation. Help me to guard my heart so that I can serve You forever. Holy Spirit, thank You for being my helper in all things. I am so grateful. In the name of Jesus, amen.



Ensure the kids follow the weekly devotion plans to consolidate the lesson.