

# A shepherd anointed



**Bible verses:**

1 Samuel 16:1-13;  
17:4-16,32,38-40,  
48-51



**Aim:**

To explore the story of David and Goliath and see how God anointed David when he was a child



**Today's fruit:**

Faithfulness



## Memory verse

**'Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own  
understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.'**

(Psalm 3:5-6 NIV)



## Start it

Today we are going to hear about a young boy who took on a big task.

Using a mirror, ask the children one at a time to look at their reflection and describe what they can see. If they don't say it, ask if they see someone who is young or little. Say that when people looked at David, they saw someone who was too young to do important jobs. Say that God didn't care that David was young because God was looking at his heart.



## Share it

Share a child-friendly version of 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:4-16,32,38-40,48-51 (eg Biblegateway.com *ERV/EASY*) or watch the following clip.

***David was Anointed*** by I Share (3:37)

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- Have you ever been picked for something special?
- What's it like being chosen?
- What's it like when you're overlooked for something?

David didn't think he was going to be chosen because he was the youngest.

- In the story, how did Samuel show that David was chosen by God?
- What does the story teach us about children?
- What does the story teach us about God?

## Sing It

**'I Might be Small'** by Allstars Kids Club  
(2:07)

**'Proverbs 3:5'** (Topic) by Kids on the Move  
(1:07)

Song track only – why not make up your own actions as a group!

## Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- **Make:** Make a heart magnifying glass ([Pinterest](#))
- **Play:** Use big and small versions of the same toy to play and experiment with, eg a small toy car and a big toy car, a small teddy and a big teddy, a small bouncy ball and a football. Explore how they compare to one another. Is one better than the other?
- **Pray:** Explain what anointing means and say that we are also chosen and loved by God. Using a crown, invite the children one by one to wear it and sit on a chair (throne) and thank God for them by name. Pray that they would know that they are very special.
- **Try:** Learning a song and making up actions .

***Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart*** performed by Vineyard Worship by Monnow Road Baptist Church (2:29)