

Worship @ 10 am Sunday Mornings in-person at



Zion Reformed United Church of Christ
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or virtually at <https://zionreformed.church/sermons>



Children's Church @ 10:15am Sunday Mornings

While Sunday School is out for summer break until the fall, Children's Church is in session! Participate in Children's Church in-person or virtually by Zoom.

To participate virtually, join us at <https://zoom.us/join> or by calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: **865 7471 1577** and Passcode: **YouthSS**. For more information: Contact Kim Ridenour at miskim@myactv.net or the Church Office at 301.739.7244, or visit <https://zionreformed.church/children>.

Hearing God's Word:



Today in church we will be exploring together, the story of Samuel anointing David in 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13. Other scriptures we will be thinking about at church this week include Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-17, and Mark 4:26-34.

1 Samuel 16:4-13

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⁴ Samuel did what the Lord told him to do. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of Bethlehem shook with fear. They met him and asked, "Are you coming in peace?" ⁵ Samuel answered, "Yes, I come in peace. I have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Make yourselves holy for the Lord and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he made Jesse and his sons holy for the Lord. And he invited them to come to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab. Samuel thought, "Surely the Lord has appointed this person standing here before him." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't look at how handsome Eliab is. Don't look at how tall he is. I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and told him to pass by Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this man either." ⁹ Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, "No, the Lord has not chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass by Samuel. But Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Then he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse answered, "I still have the youngest son. He is out taking care of the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him. We will not sit down to eat until he arrives." ¹² So Jesse sent and had his youngest son brought in. He was a fine boy, tanned and handsome. The Lord said to Samuel, "Go! Appoint him. He is the one." ¹³ So Samuel took the container of olive oil. Then he poured oil on Jesse's youngest son to appoint him in front of his brothers. From that day on, the Lord's Spirit entered David with power. Samuel then went back to Ramah.

Family Discussion:

A Question for Adults to ask Children:

What do you think makes a good King?

God was looking for a new King, the old King, Saul was disobedient and full of pride. God wanted somebody who would follow him and live in obedience, who was humble and caring. David did not look like much on the outside but in his heart he knew and loved God. He was a shepherd with a loving heart who looked after his sheep just like God looks after us.

A Question for Children to ask Adults:

What do you think makes a good heart?

Why not share some of the qualities that you most love about God and that we can try to nurture in ourselves.

A Prayer to Say Together:



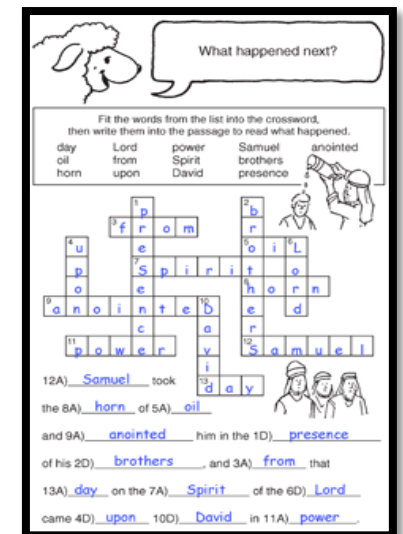
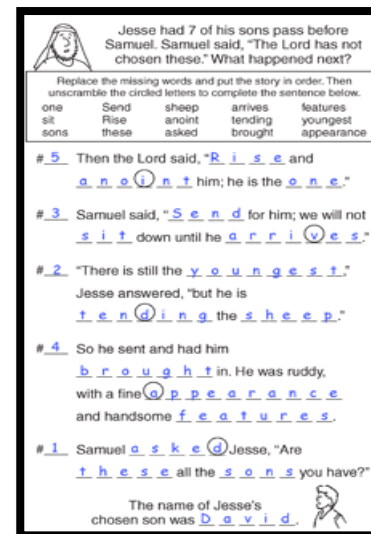
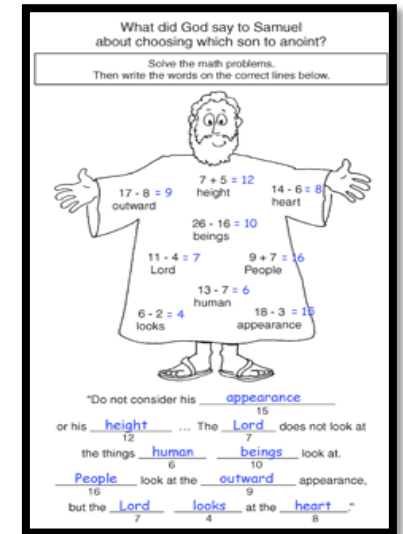
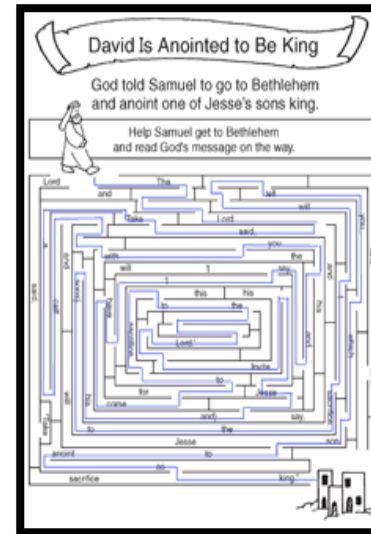
Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Samuel anointing David which reminds us that you know us inside and out! Thank you that each one of us is created exactly as you want us to be. Help us to dedicate our lives to you like David did, to seek to be people after your heart.

Thank you that we are chosen and loved too. Amen.

Amen.

Answer Key:



1 Samuel 16 v 7

People look at the outside of a person but the Lord looks at the heart.



Family Activities:

Here are some activities you can do together as a family and discussion ideas to explore God's word together.

Family Activity 1:



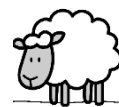
Use any materials you have to create your own family self portraits, draw, paint or collage yourselves. Once you have finished your self-portraits why not try to draw a heart portrait! You could fill your portrait with words or images that represent the things that are most important to you.

Family Activity 2:

What's inside?: Place mystery items into an empty box or container, take it in turns to reach inside and try to work out what the item is without looking. In the story Samuel was judging the sons of Jesse by how they looked on the outside, but God had a very different way of deciding who would make the best King!



Family Activity 3:



David was not home when Samuel arrived, he was out in the fields watching the sheep. In John 10 we can read about how God is like a shepherd to us. He cares for us, protects us and invites us to trust, follow and listen to Him. Why not try some of these sheep themed activities together.

Applying the Scriptures:

"People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Sam 16:7) -- What do you think God wants our hearts to look like? David was described as a man "after God's heart" – how can we make our hearts look like God's? kings of the earth would praise God as Lord! Use it as your prayer this week for our leaders.



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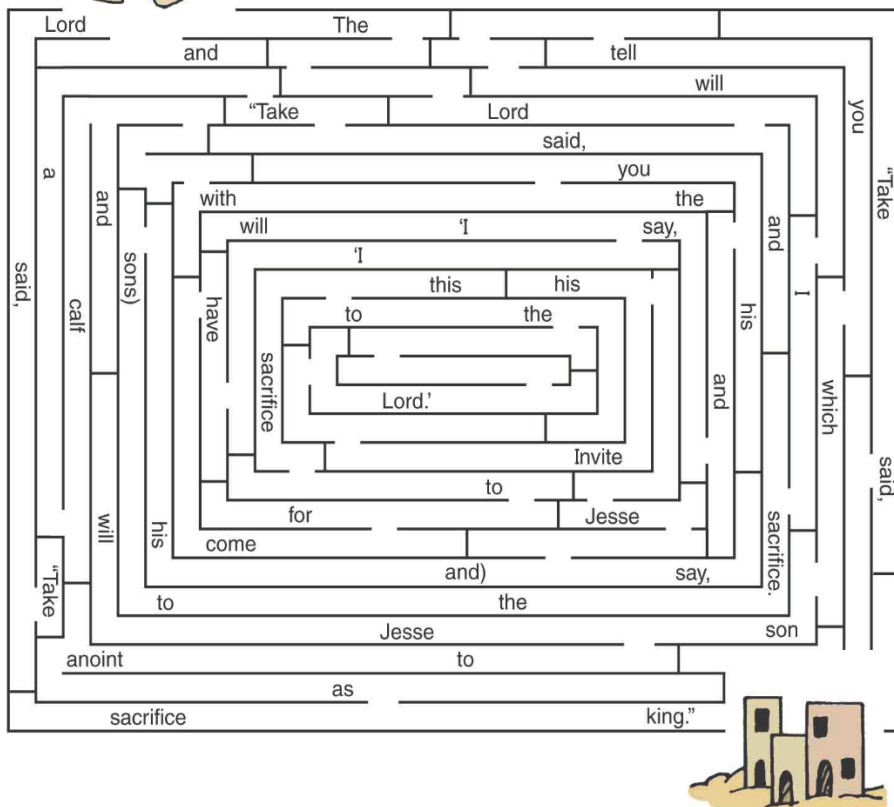
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David Is Anointed to Be King

God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem and anoint one of Jesse's sons king.



Help Samuel get to Bethlehem and read God's message on the way.



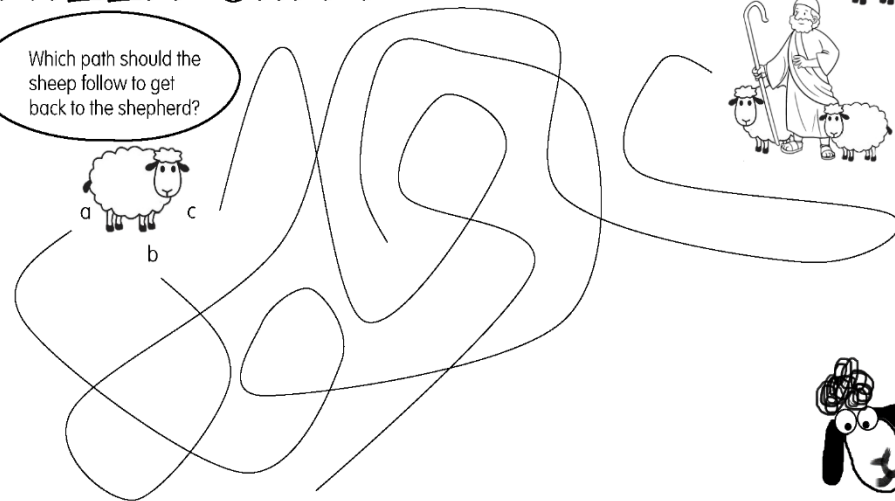
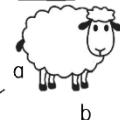
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PUZZLE SHEET

David was a shepherd – how many sheep can you find on this page?

Which path should the sheep follow to get back to the shepherd?



Can you find eight differences between the two pictures?

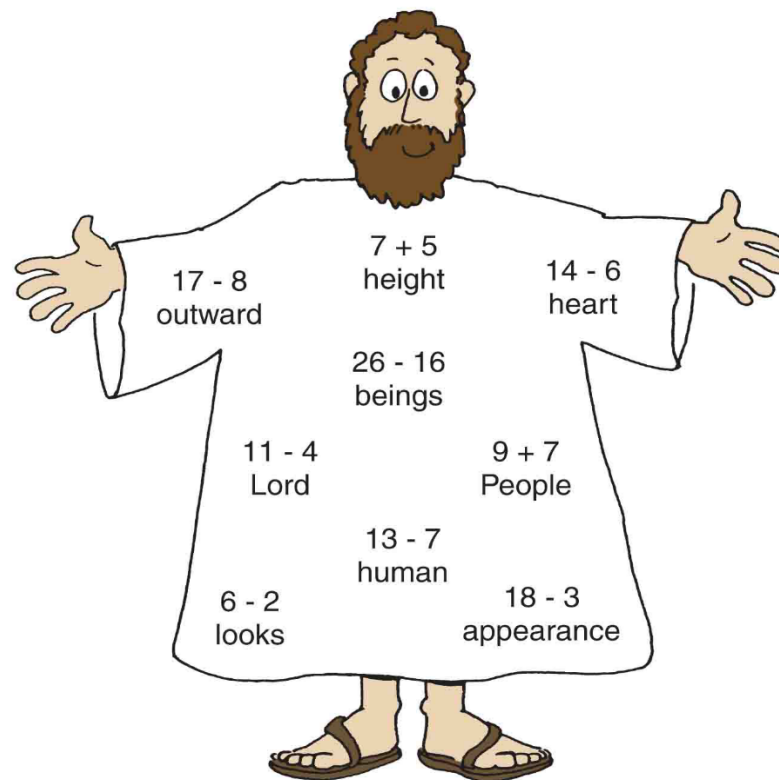
Draw a big tangly scribble to give the sheep a body, then finish the picture by adding a lovely green field full of delicious grass for the sheep to eat!





What did God say to Samuel
about choosing which son to anoint?

Solve the math problems.
Then write the words on the correct lines below.



"Do not consider his _____
15
or his _____ ... The _____ does not look at
12 7
the things _____ look at.
6 10
_____ look at the _____ appearance,
16 9
but the _____ at the _____."



Jesse had 7 of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen these." What happened next?

Replace the missing words and put the story in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence below.

one	Send	sheep	arrives	features
sit	Rise	anoint	tending	youngest
sons	these	asked	brought	appearance

#___ Then the Lord said, "___ and
___ him; he is the ___."

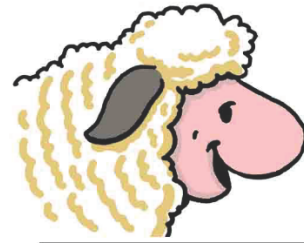
#___ Samuel said, "___ for him; we will not
___ down until he ___."

#___ "There is still the ___,"
Jesse answered, "but he is
___ the ___."

#___ So he sent and had him
___ in. He was ruddy,
with a fine ___
and handsome ___.

#___ Samuel ___ Jesse, "Are
___ all the ___ you have?"

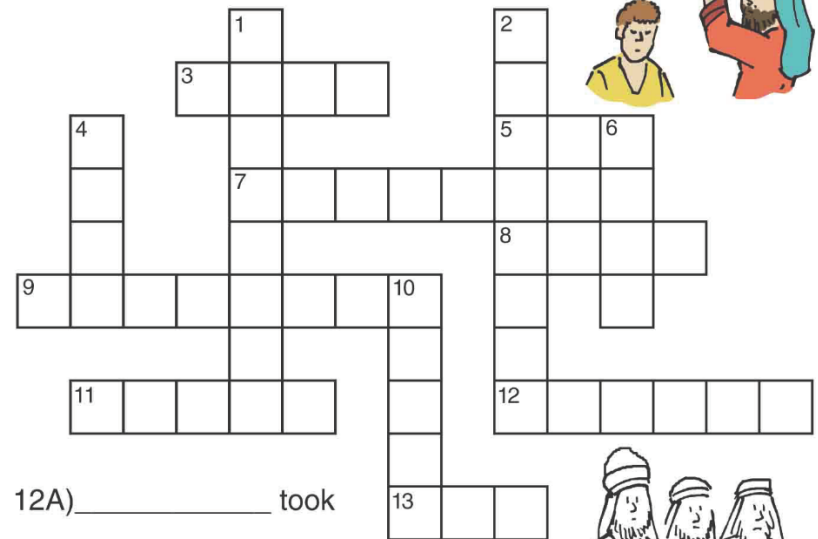
The name of Jesse's
chosen son was ___.



What happened next?

Fit the words from the list into the crossword, then write them into the passage to read what happened.

day	Lord	power	Samuel	anointed
oil	from	Spirit	brothers	
horn	upon	David	presence	



12A) ___ took

the 8A) ___ of 5A) ___

and 9A) ___ him in the 1D) ___

of his 2D) ___, and 3A) ___ that

13A) ___ on the 7A) ___ of the 6D) ___

came 4D) ___ 10D) ___ in 11A) ___.

