Lesson Plan

DAVID IS ANOINTED

THE SERIES: Shepherd to King
THE POINT: God looks at the heart
BIBLE STORY: David is Anointed || 1 Samuel 16:1–13
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that God chose David to be king even though he was the youngest and least expected.
- They will understand that God looks at a person's heart, not just the outside.
- They will learn that what matters most to God is who we are on the inside.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of David being anointed as king is found in the Bible in 1 Samuel 16. David was a young shepherd boy who took care of sheep. God told the prophet Samuel to go to David's house because He had chosen one of the sons to be the next king. When Samuel saw David's older brothers, he thought they looked like kings, but God told Samuel not to choose them. God said that He looks at the heart, not just how someone looks on the outside. David was the one He had chosen to be king. So, Samuel poured oil on David's head to show that God had picked him to be the future king of Israel.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- Psalm 20:7

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

People look at the outside, but the Lord looks at the heart. - 1 Samuel 16:7

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



Supplies needed:

- Memory Verse Page
- Torch (or a sunny window)

Before the lesson print the Memory verse page in A

Hold up the memory verse pages, (with the second page behind the first), Help the children to read the part of the verse shown on the page "People judge others by what they look like". Have the children repeat this a few times. Next, explain that this isn't the whole verse. There is more to see! Hold up a torch behind the memory verse pages to reveal the rest of the verse, "but I judge people by what is in their hearts." Invite the children to say the whole verse together.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

- Have you ever been the person to choose someone for a team or a game?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Samuel thought one of Jesse's older sons would be king because they looked strong. Why do you think people sometimes judge others by what they see on the outside?
- God chose David even though he was the youngest and not very important in people's eyes. What does this show us about how God chooses people?
- If God looks at our hearts, what are some good things that should grow inside our hearts?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

When Samuel saw Jesse's older sons, they looked strong and impressive. But God reminded Samuel that people often judge by what they can see on the outside. God looks at something much more important — our hearts. This means God cares about things like kindness, honesty, love, and trust in Him. Even though David was young and just a shepherd, God saw his heart and chose him for a special purpose.

God cares about our hearts too. When we choose to love God, help others, and do what is right, we are growing the kind of heart that pleases Him.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

This weeks prayer example:

Dear God,

Thank You that You see our hearts. Help us grow hearts that love You and care for others.

Amen

Lesson Wrap-up

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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CRAFT

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Supplies Needed

- Printable looking glass (on cardstock)
- Colouring materials
- Coloured Cellophane
- Glue

STEPS

- Give each child a 'God looks at the heart' magnifying glass shape to colour in.
- Children can turn the shape over and use a glue stick to stick a square of cellophane to the back to make the magnifying 'glass'
- Carefully cut the excess cellophane that shows outside the frame of the heart shape.

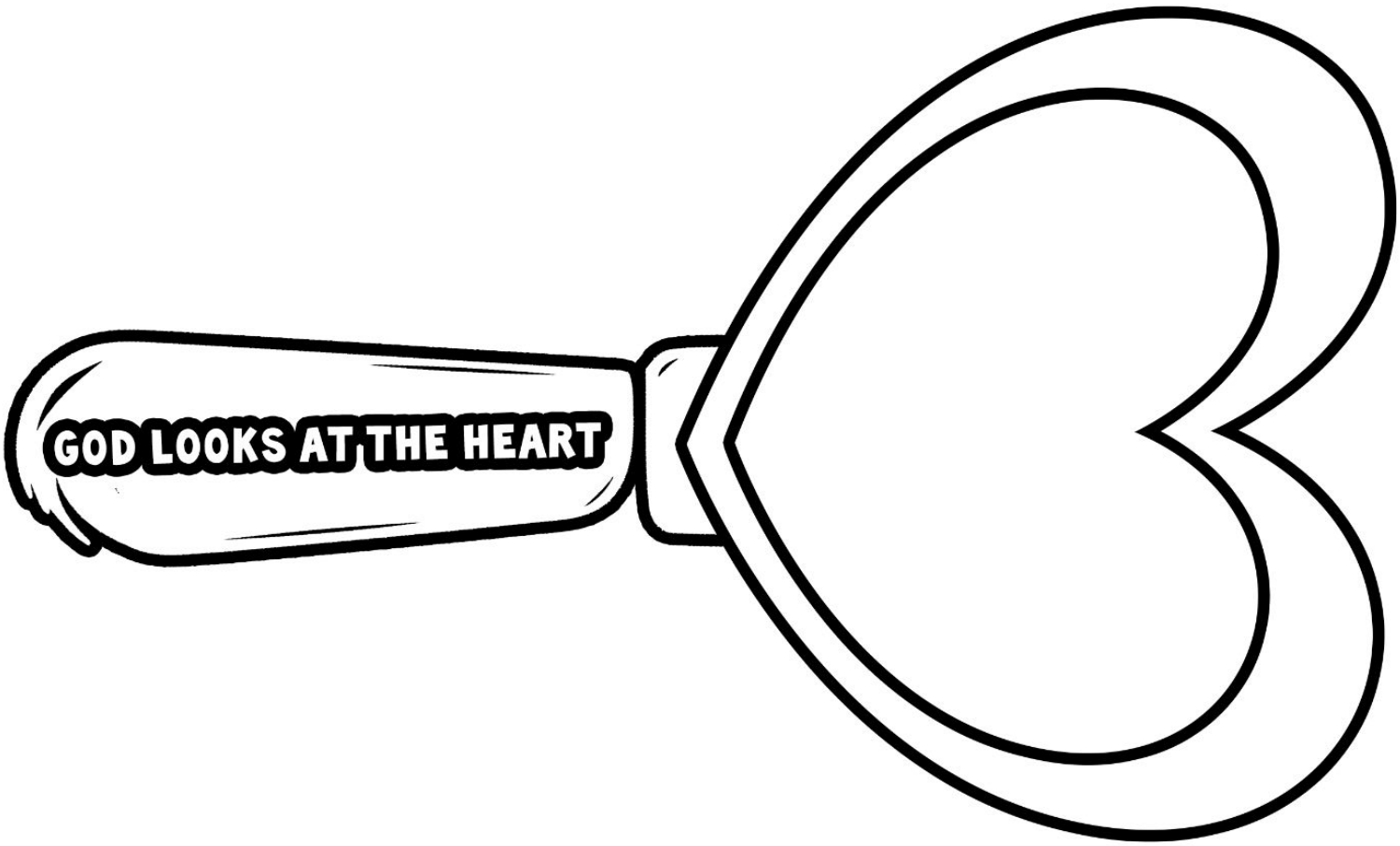
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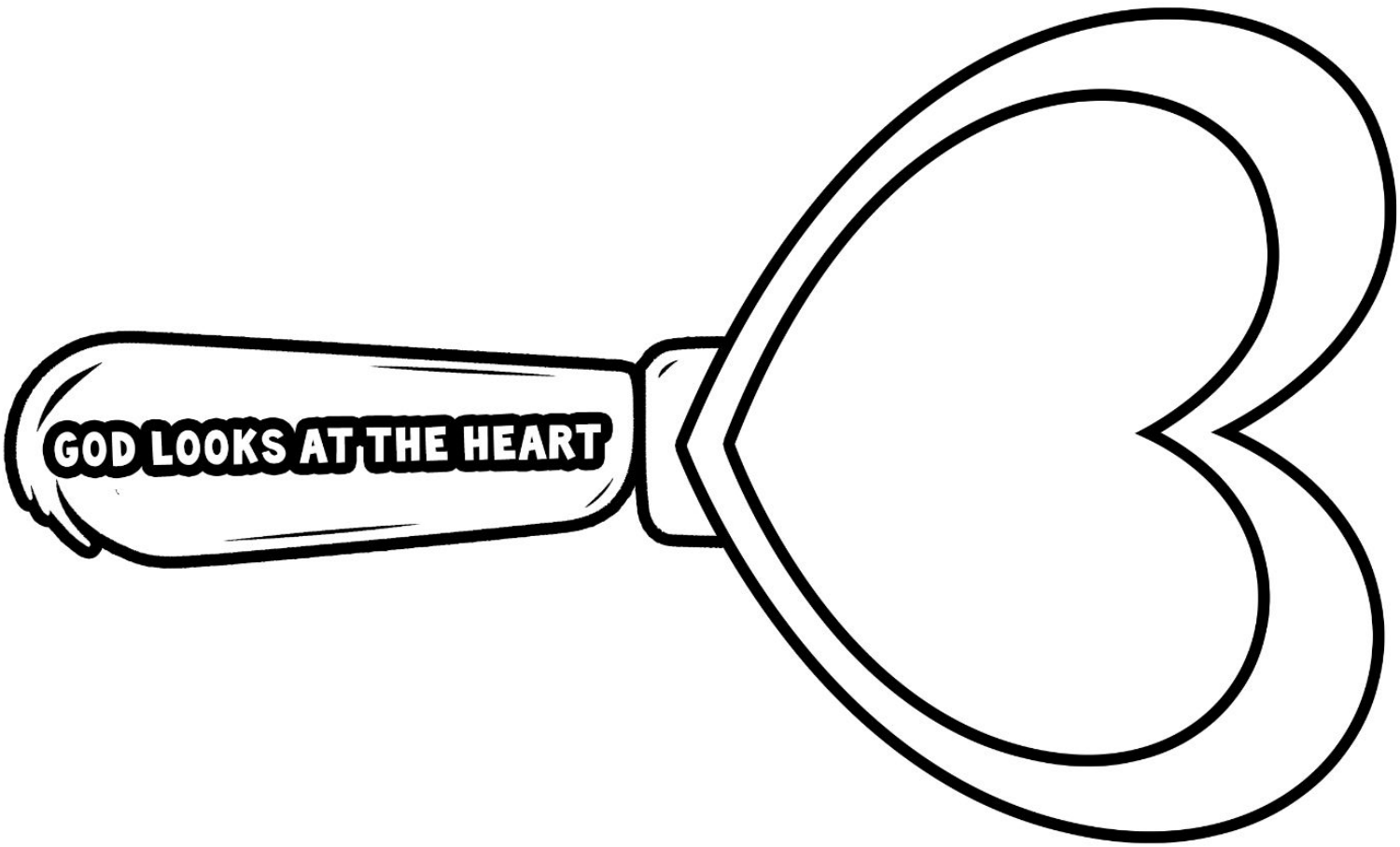
- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au





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BIBLE BOOKLET INSTRUCTIONS

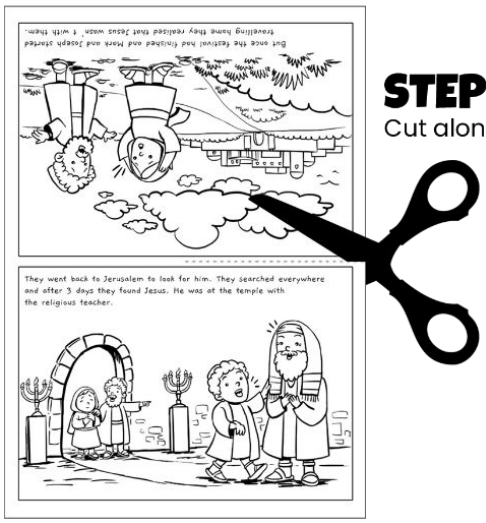
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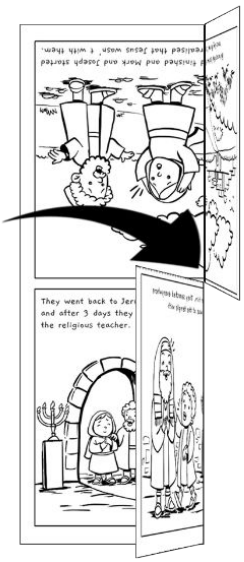
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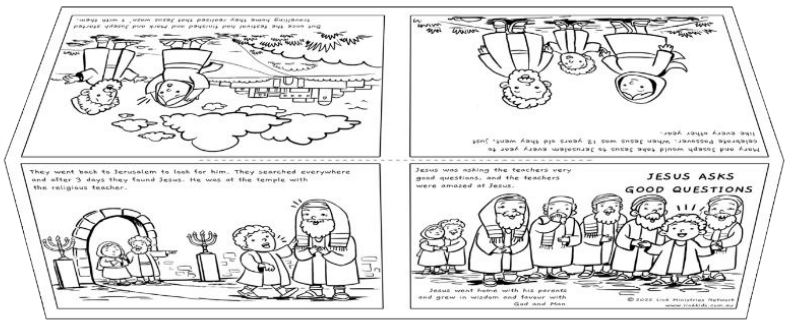
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STEP 3

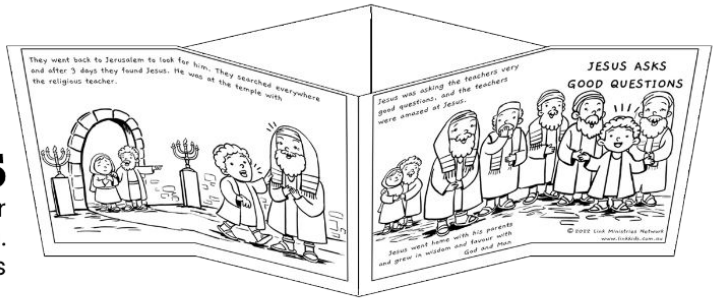
Fold page in half again along the short edge





STEP 4

Open page, then fold along the long edge



STEP 5

Push the short edges towards each other allowing the centre cut to open like a diamong. Continue unil the diamond becomes pages

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King Saul was doing things that made God sad. God told his prophet, Samuel, that he was going to choose a new king of Israel. Samuel went to the house of Jesse.

Jesse brought his sons to Samuel. The eldest son was big and strong. Samuel said, "surely he will be the next king." God responded, "I don't consider what he looks like. I consider what is in his heart."

The next son came to Samuel, but he wasn't the right person. After all of Jesse's sons walked past, Samuel asked if Jesse had any more sons. There was only one more, David was in the field looking after the sheep

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David was small compared to his brothers, but God said this is the one. Samuel anointed David to be the new king.

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