

The Teeny Weenie True King: David

Circle Time

During this time welcome children, open in prayer, review the Bible verses, and sing songs! This is the time of preparation for getting our hearts and minds ready to learn about and worship God 😊

Prayer

Dear God

Bless us as we learn today;

Help us grow in love and kindness

More like Jesus in every way!

Amen.

Bible Verse: “Then the Lord said: “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” -1 Samuel 16:12

Sing Opening Songs-*pick any that you like!*

Optional Activity: Blessed Are Those Who Love the Lord

The story of David shares how God sees what is on the inside, how He looks at our hearts. Samuel anoints David as the future king even though he doesn't look like a king at all because God sees that David has a heart like His. As Christian parents/mentors that is the prayer for our kids, that they might be men and women after God's own heart.

After reading the story, tell children you are going to give them a blessing and anoint them just like Samuel did for David. Tell them that God loves them and that they are His beloved children, just like King David. Speaking a blessing over children can be as formal or informal as you want. You may simply read the Aaronic blessing from Numbers 6:24-27 over them and tell them how much God loves them.

Information for should you opt for anointing with oil...

Biblical anointing is mentioned throughout the Bible. The word anoint simply means to pour, cover, or smear the body, person, or object with oil. In this you can use a small amount 😊

Add a couple drops of essential oil to one teaspoon of olive oil. Let children smell the fragrance with you. You may pick any you like but if you choose frankincense, then you can talk about Jesus and how this was one of the three gifts brought to Him from the wise men/Magi. A great way to tie together the Old and New Testaments.

Explain to children that anointing is a way to shower a person in blessing. Historically, guests were anointed as they visited a home, children were when they received a blessing, or were chosen for a special task like David in our story.

You may put your finger in the oil and rub across their forehead. If you are up for it, try and have the children bless you too by anointing you with the oil and/or speaking blessing over you!

Optional Activity: Where does your heart lead you?

This activity is to help children verbalize ways they can seek God's direction in the decisions they have to make.

Create 2 sets of footprints. Make one set out of brown construction paper and the other out of red. The brown footprints will demonstrate how we depart from God's path by following our own wisdom without seeking God's direction. The red footprints will demonstrate following God and His directions in our lives.

The footprints will be placed on the floor of the room. On the opposite side of the room place a crown or another object to symbolize the time when believers go to heaven. The red footprints can be taped down heading in the direction of the symbol for heaven. The brown ones will be movable to demonstrate that a person can travel far away from God's path but can return to that path by repenting of sin and turning back to Him.

On index cards have decisions that people make. With children discuss what it would take to stay on the red footprints following God's plan for each decision card. (Walk with God daily by praying and spending time in His Word) What decisions would a person need to make to end up on the brown footprints? (Not seeking God about a decision. An example: Friends-choosing Godly friends that make wise decisions would keep us on God's path. Choosing friends who say unkind words, disobey authority etc. would take us off God's path and put us on the brown path. When we are following God on His path we are to share the love of Jesus with the people who use unkind words and disobey authority but we don't choose them to be our friends who we spend all our time with.)

Reassure children if believers step off God's path and go down their own path it's not impossible to get back on the right path. Repenting of sin and turning back to God can get you back on His path for your life. The only way we can stay on God's path is to seek His direction for the decisions we make and make sure that what we do is in agreement with what God's word teaches us is true.

Optional Activity: David the Shepherd

Blow up several balloons. Use white balloons if you can. Draw a large circle on the ground. Turn on a fan to gently blow the balloons around the room. Children will now be shepherds and will try to keep the sheep (balloons) in the circle. Have a conversation about before David was king, that he was a Shepherd. That means that he took care of his father's sheep. It wasn't an easy job to do! Have children maybe share what could be challenging about the task based on their experience playing this game.

Optional Activity: Play Dress Up

Provide dress up clothes and hats. Let children dress up and play for a while. *As they play say, It doesn't matter what you look like on the outside. God looks at what is on the inside. God looks at your heart; He notices the things that we do that show that we love Him and that we love others.*

Ask: How can you show that you love God and that you love our friends and family?

Let each child share something that they can do to show love. Examples would be, praying for others, giving hugs, and helping others.

Coloring

Have children go to the table and sit down to color. As they color continue conversations about David, what it means to trust God and love Him with our whole heart, and how God loves us and desires us to share His love with others. Also feel free to turn on some music.

*Coloring page included on last page 😊

Closing Time

Prayer Time:

During this time ask the children if there is anything they would like to have prayer for (have conversations about how we can talk to God, like a friend, about anything and he hears us always).

If children need assistance thinking of things try these questions:

What can we thank God for? (family, friends, church, home, food, sunshine, etc)

Who can we pray for? (family, friends, pets, neighbors, our church family, etc)

What do we need God's help with?

*Any other prompts that come to mind

Close in prayer with the children. The volunteer could start and then at the end have everyone say:

As we go from Kids Worship

Back to our family's care,

Help us to remember all we've learnt,

Each day to love and share.

The stories and the games we've played,

And drawings we take home,

Remind us Jesus is our friend,

We're never on our own.

Amen.

Ending Song(s): Pick any to sing!

