



# MOSAIC Gospel Project

## Volume 4, Unit 11, Lesson 1: David Was Anointed

**Bible Passage:** 1 Samuel 16-17

### Personal Preparation

Samuel had anointed Saul as king over Israel, but it wasn't long before Saul's disobedience led God to reject him as king. God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to meet Jesse—a man in the family line of Judah. God had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be Israel's king.

When Samuel saw Jesse's oldest son, Eliab, he thought, "This must be the one God has chosen!" Eliab was likely tall and good-looking. Why wouldn't God choose someone like that? But God doesn't make decisions like people do. Read what God said to Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:7.

Jesse's sons took turns passing before Samuel, one by one. Samuel was probably eager to hear which son God had chosen to be Israel's next king! Adinadab? No, not him. Shammah? No. "The Lord hasn't chosen this one either." It seemed Samuel was out of options, but Jesse had one more son—his youngest, David, was out tending the sheep. David came in and God said, "This is the one." Samuel anointed David, and the Spirit of the Lord was with David.

David did not become king right away. Saul was still on the throne, and David was still young. One day, David found himself at the battle where the Philistines had gathered to fight the Israelites. The story of David and Goliath is one of the most well-known accounts in the Old Testament. When the Israelites cowered in fear, David—with God's power—stepped up and defeated the enemy with just a sling and a stone.

As you teach this week, help the individuals relate to the terrified Israelites. Apart from Christ, we are powerless before our enemies of sin and death. None of us would step up like David. Even if we tried, we would fail on our own. David reminds us of Jesus, the greatest hero, who came to save us. When we look to Jesus, he gives us salvation and eternal life.

Praise God for working in the midst of our powerlessness. Thank him for sending Jesus to rescue us from our powerlessness over sin. Pray that the individuals would see their own weakness and know that Jesus has atoned for our failures.

### Memory Verse

Begin the lesson by sharing the memory verse with the group.

#### Psalm 145:13

*"For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does."*

### Points of Emphasis

1. God chose David to be king instead of Saul.
2. Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of Kings.

### Activity #1

Lead the group to begin working on the activity sheet. Feel free to let the individuals continue working as you teach the lesson.

## Video

All of Scripture is really telling one story—the story of a perfect God who loves people despite our sin. He planned all along to send a Rescuer to save us from our sin. You might remember that after sin entered the world, God chose to bless the whole world through a man named Abraham. Abraham’s grandson became the father of a nation called Israel. The Israelites lived as slaves for many years until God rescued them through Moses. Moses led God’s people to the promised land, and a man named Joshua led them as they conquered the land. However, the people kept rebelling against God, eventually asking for a human king. God warned them, but they wanted a human king anyway. Their first king, Saul, was not obedient to God, and God decided that Saul would not rule the kingdom. Today, we will learn about the man God chose to replace Saul. His name was David.

Play the video for the lesson titled “David Was Anointed.”

## Bible Lesson

**Wow! What a story.** I think my favorite part is when God reminded Samuel that God doesn’t look at the outside the way people do. God looks into our hearts and sees us for who we really are. God chose David to be king instead of Saul. David wasn’t the oldest of Jesse’s sons, and he likely wasn’t the strongest either. God saw that David loved God with all his heart. God blessed David and gave him power to defeat Goliath, an enemy too big and scary for the Israelites to fight alone.

This story teaches us two very important things. This story reminds us that God sees us for who we are. Our hearts are broken by sin. We cannot fix them. No amount of good behavior can fool God into thinking we have clean hearts. Thankfully, this story also reminds us that Jesus will fight for us, similarly to how David fought for Israel. Just

as the Israelites could not defeat Goliath, we cannot defeat our sin. That’s why God sent Jesus. He defeated sin and death when he died for us and rose again.

## Activity #2

Guide the group to finish working on the activity sheet. Review the memory verse with the group and help them learn it. Encourage the individuals to put the verse together using the Velcro pictures.

## Christ Connection

David reminds us of Jesus, the greatest hero, who came to save us. David did not look like a king or a mighty warrior, but God chose him to be king over Israel and gave him victory over Goliath. The Israelites were too weak and afraid to face Goliath; they needed David to fight on their behalf. In a similar way, we need Jesus to fight for us. Jesus gives us victory over sin and death.

## Review Questions

*(Optional: Play the Questions from Kids (QFK) video to continue the discussion on David. Today’s episode asks if it’s wrong to feel afraid.)*

Group A

Early Learner

Encourage the individuals to point to the pictures provided or to draw in order to answer these questions.

- 1. Point to who God chose to be the next king of Israel.** David
- 2. Point to what God looks at to judge people.** Heart
- 3. Point to who was afraid of Goliath.** The Israelites
- 4. Point to who defeated Goliath with a slingshot.** David
- 5. Point to who helped David defeat Goliath.** God

## Group B

- 1. Where did God send Samuel to find the next king of Israel?** God sent Samuel to the town of Bethlehem to a man named Jesse.
- 2. People see what is on the outside. What does God see?** The Lord sees the heart.
- 3. When Goliath taunted David, how did David respond?** “I come against you in the name of the Lord.”
- 4. Why is it important that God sees our hearts?** We cannot hide our sin from God. No matter how much we may try to be good, God knows that our hearts are dead in sin. God knows that we need Jesus to rescue us.
- 5. How was David similar to Jesus?** Guide the individuals to discuss David’s role as a warrior who fought on behalf of his people. The Israelites faced a powerful enemy, and David defeated that enemy for them. Jesus fought for us and brings us victory through his death and resurrection.
- 6. How are we like the Israelites?** The Israelites were cowering in fear. They were unwilling and unable to fight Goliath. When David defeated Goliath, the Israelites enjoyed the freedom and victory David won, even though they did not earn it. We benefit from Jesus’ victory, even though we could not have earned it and do not deserve it.

## Group C

- 1. Why was David willing to fight Goliath? Was he simply a confident kid?** David did not rely on his own strength—he was just a boy. He relied on God and his strength. He knew God had kept him safe in the past, and he trusted God to protect him from Goliath too.
- 2. Who do you most relate to in the story—David or the fearful Israelites? Why?** Though the individuals may prefer to relate to brave David, suggest that we are most often like the Israelites who were unable to win a battle against a strong enemy. David reminds us of Jesus, who defeated sin and death and invites us to share in his victory.
- 3. How does Jesus’ victory help us face other challenges in our lives?** God gives

us power over our greatest enemy—sin. God gives the Holy Spirit to those who trust in Jesus. By his power, we can resist temptation. God’s Spirit does not cause us to fear; he makes us powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

## Group D

## Advanced Learner

- 1. What does this story teach us about God?** When you first hear the story of David and Goliath, you might think that it is about how we should be brave like David. But did David defeat Goliath because David was an excellent soldier? Did he keep his sheep safe from wild animals because he was really strong? No! God helped David. God gave David power to defeat Goliath.
- 2. What did Samuel learn about how God sees people?** Samuel thought David’s oldest brother might be the next king, but God told Samuel something very important. God said that he sees the heart of a person, not what he looks like on the outside.
- 3. Is it wrong to feel afraid? Why or why not?**
- 4. How can trusting God help you overcome your greatest fear?**

## Prayer

**Lord, you sent Jesus to save us from our greatest enemies: sin and death. Help us remember that the battle is not in our own hands. We are like the Israelite army, too weak to save ourselves. We look to Jesus as our hero, the only one who can save us. We love you. Amen.**

