

THE THREAD | A PEOPLE RISE. A PEOPLE FALL.

Lesson 4: Samuel Anointing David

Dear Parents,

Hello! We are already on the fourth of 13 lessons studying *The Thread: A People Rise, A People Fall*, which looks at the story of Israel seeking to establish itself as a nation. The lesson was entitled “Samuel Anointing David,” where we looked at the story of David becoming king of Israel. He was an unlikely choice; in fact, his own family thought his chances of being chosen by Samuel were so slim that they didn’t even remember to invite him to the meeting. It’s amazing to see how every lesson of this study about God’s story and the Gospel thread throughout Scripture helps us better understand that God’s plan from the very beginning was to send Jesus.

Lesson Overview: We all have expectations about the way life works. In this lesson, we’re going to explore the lives of David and Jesus, who were both unexpected choices by God. David was an unlikely choice for King, yet God chose him and used him to lead well. Likewise, Jesus was not the Messiah that people were expecting, and He was able to accomplish a completely unexpected victory, one much larger than the people of His day believed possible. God doesn’t always work in the ways that we expect He should. In fact, He often uses the least likely candidate to accomplish a completely unexpected end.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: How David was an unlikely choice to be King of Israel and see how Jesus breaks expectations in redeeming us from our sins.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned: Define what humility looks like in their context and how they can embrace it daily.

Scripture Passages We Studied: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:1-5; Philippians 2:5-11

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- I heard your group discussed the difference between outward appearance and inward character. How are they different? Which do you think is more important?
- God chose David when no one else would have. How does that make you feel about your own life? What does it mean to you personally that God often chooses unlikely leaders?
- In what ways is Jesus an unlikely King? How does it make you feel to know that He came as a servant, not as a powerful warrior?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.