

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | 1 Samuel 16:1-13

SESSION SUMMARY

When King Saul disobeyed, God rejected him and gave Samuel a new mission: anointing a new king. God sent Samuel to a man named Jesse, who had several sons, to anoint the new king. Jesse presented sons who looked the part of the king, but for each one, God said “no.” Then came David, the youngest who was watching the flocks. When Samuel saw this shepherd boy, God said, “That’s him. He’s the one.” And Samuel anointed David. No one thought David looked like a king, not like Saul. But this session shows us that God cares about the condition of our hearts. These are the main points:

- We look at appearances (1 Sam. 16:1-10).
- God looks at the heart (1 Sam. 16:11-13).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What do each of our family members tend to notice first when meeting new people? Why?
- Which do each of our family members think matters more: the way a person looks or the way a person acts? Why?
- How can we try to be more like Jesus, looking toward people’s hearts rather than their appearance?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Practice paying attention to people’s hearts, starting with your own family. Begin this time together with prayer, asking for God’s guidance and grace as you talk. Start by focusing on one person at a time while each of the other family members shares a positive character trait they see in that person. Do this until each person has been encouraged. Spend some time encouraging one another and praying together over anything new that’s revealed.