

# Tonight's

passage – **1 Samuel 16.<sup>1-25</sup>**

theme – **guard your heart!**

*It's not what we're like on the outside which counts. It's what we're like on the inside – the stuff that no one else sees (apart from God!) See if you can find on every page of the worksheet a heart*



rotten  
on the  
inside

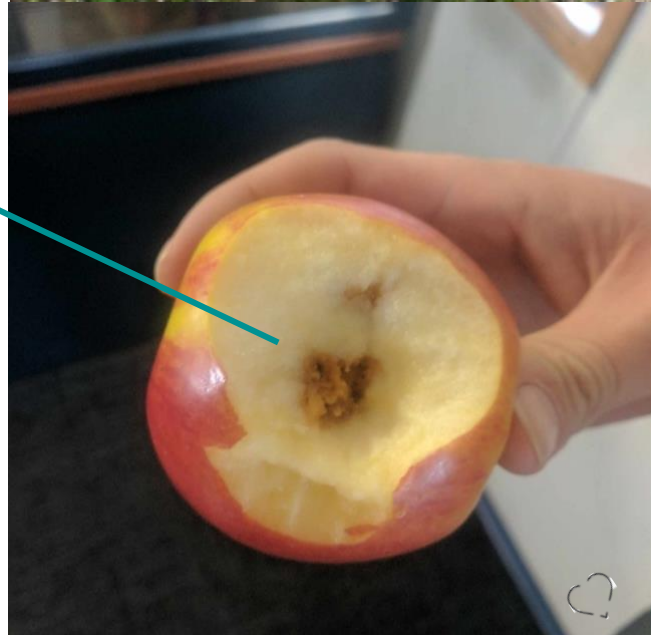


## Tonight's passage

Trees can sometimes look great on the outside, but actually be rotten inside.

Same with an apple, or some other fruit: it can look fine on the outside, but inside .. well, you wouldn't be too chuffed to find that your apple was like this on the inside!

The passage tonight helps us learn that it's **what you're like on the inside** that matters so far as God is concerned.



# SAMUEL

# Read 1 Samuel 16 verses 1-5

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.'

<sup>2</sup>But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.'

The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord."<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.'

<sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?'

<sup>5</sup>Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

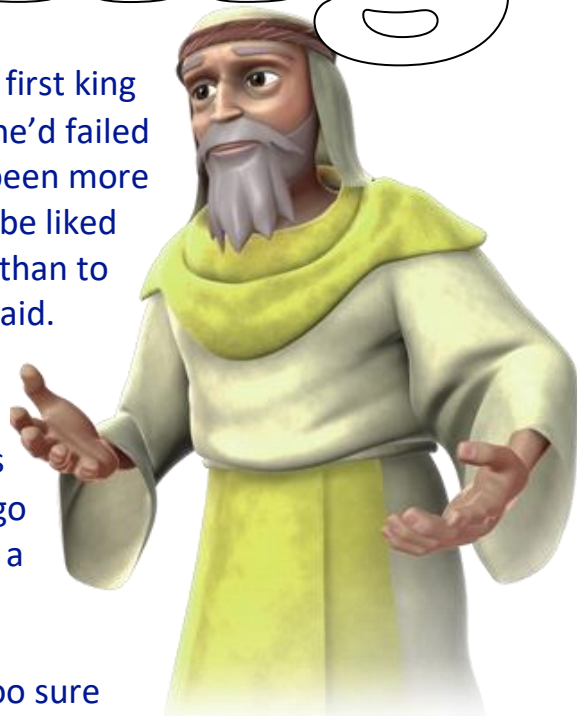
# WANTED

a new  
king

**Saul** was the first king of Israel. But he'd failed badly – he'd been more concerned to be liked by his people than to do what God said.

So ...  
**Samuel** was told by God to go and appoint a *new* king.

He wasn't too sure what Saul would think of that! But, unlike Saul, Samuel would always do what God told him.



## THINK ...

### What makes a good king?

Have a look at the list of words below and draw a circle round the qualities which you would look for.

**BRAVE**  
**KIND**  
**FUNNY**  
**TOUGH**  
**GOOD**  
**GOD-FEARING**  
**WISE**  
**GREEDY**  
**HANDSOME**  
**HUMBLE**  
**TALL**  
**RICH**



Samuel was told by God that He had chosen one of the sons of a man called Jesse to be the new king.

But God didn't tell Samuel which one! He would have to try and spot who it was!



# the sons of Jesse

**Read**  
**1 Sam. 16**  
verses 6-10

## QUIZ

- Where did Jesse live?        \_ \_ \_ \_ **H** \_ \_
- How many sons did Jesse show?    \_ \_ \_ **E** \_
- What was the oldest called?        \_ \_ \_ **A** \_
- People tend to look at what?    \_ \_ \_ \_ **R** \_ \_ \_ \_
- What does the Lord look at?        \_ \_ \_ \_ **T**



Samuel was looking for the wrong things in the sons of Jesse.

God had to teach him that it's what a person is like on the inside which really matters most of all – that's what God is always looking for.

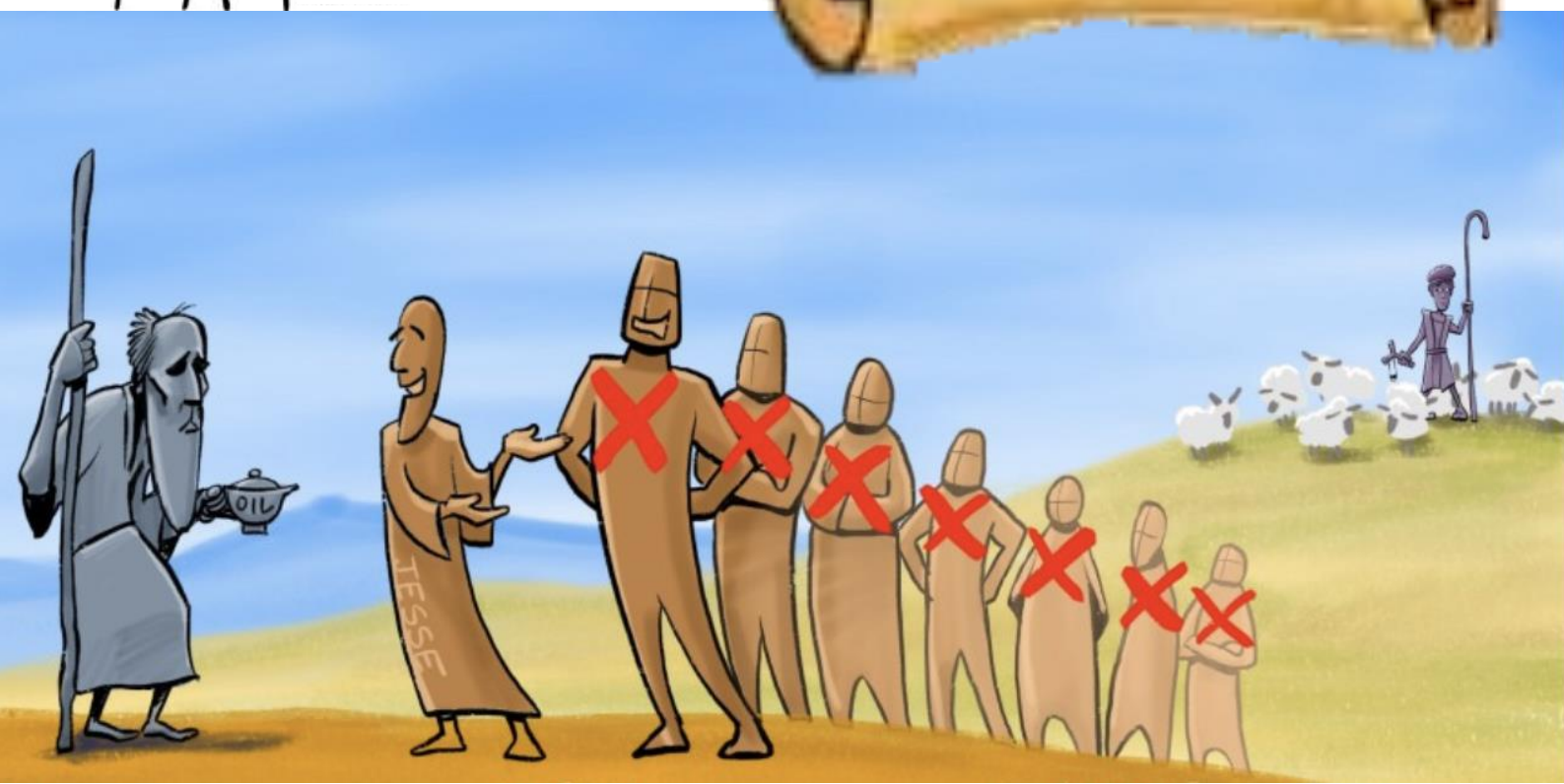
**What are you like on the inside?**

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.'

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' <sup>9</sup> Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.'

<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.'



# This is the one

Read

## 1 Samuel 16 verses 11-13

<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?'

'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.'

Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.'

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.'

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.

David was the youngest of David's sons.

He got what was regarded as the worst job – looking after the sheep. He didn't seem a likely candidate at all to be the new king.

Too young. Unimportant. Forgotten. But ...

He loved the Lord; and that showed even in how he looked: there was a brightness about him.

Samuel was told to anoint David as king. He would be Israel's greatest king.

**But the best king of all is Jesus!**

And God tells us to 'anoint' Him as King in our lives. Make sure you do so!

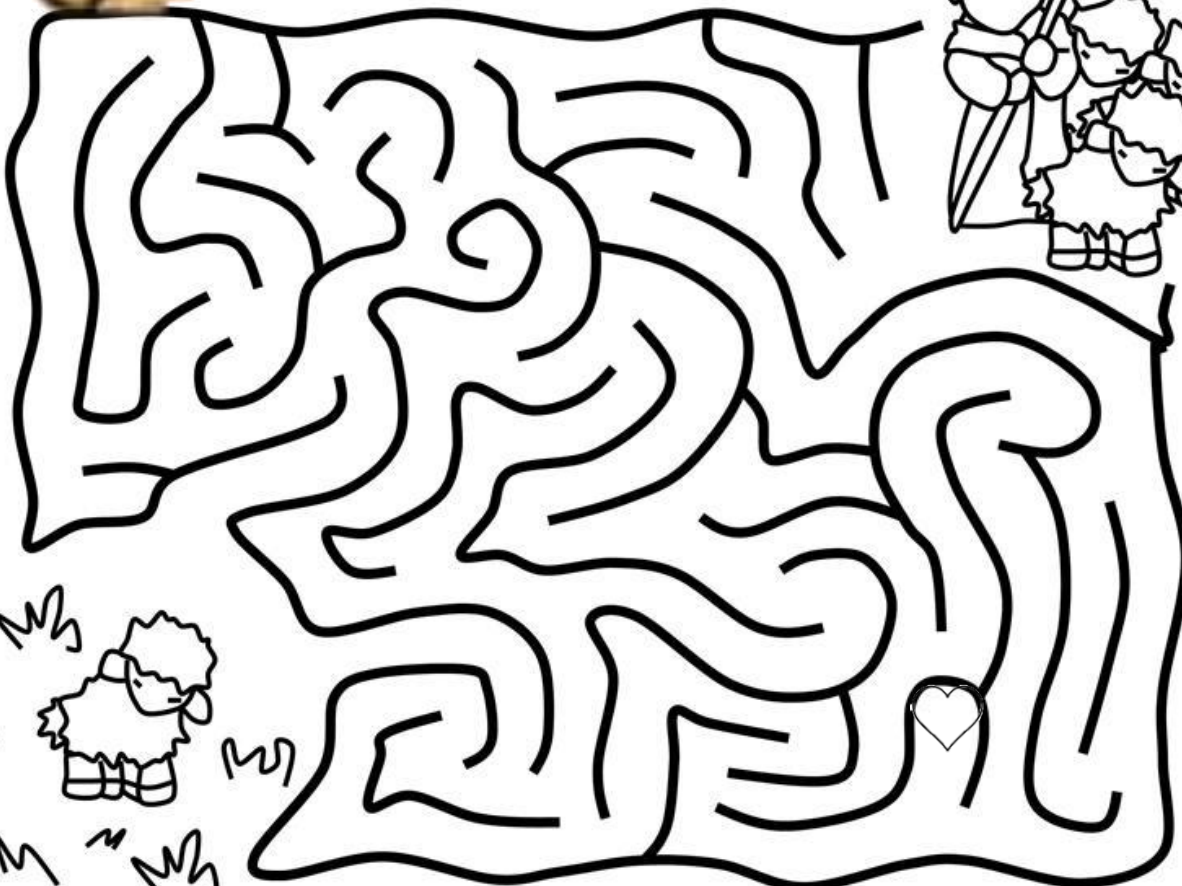


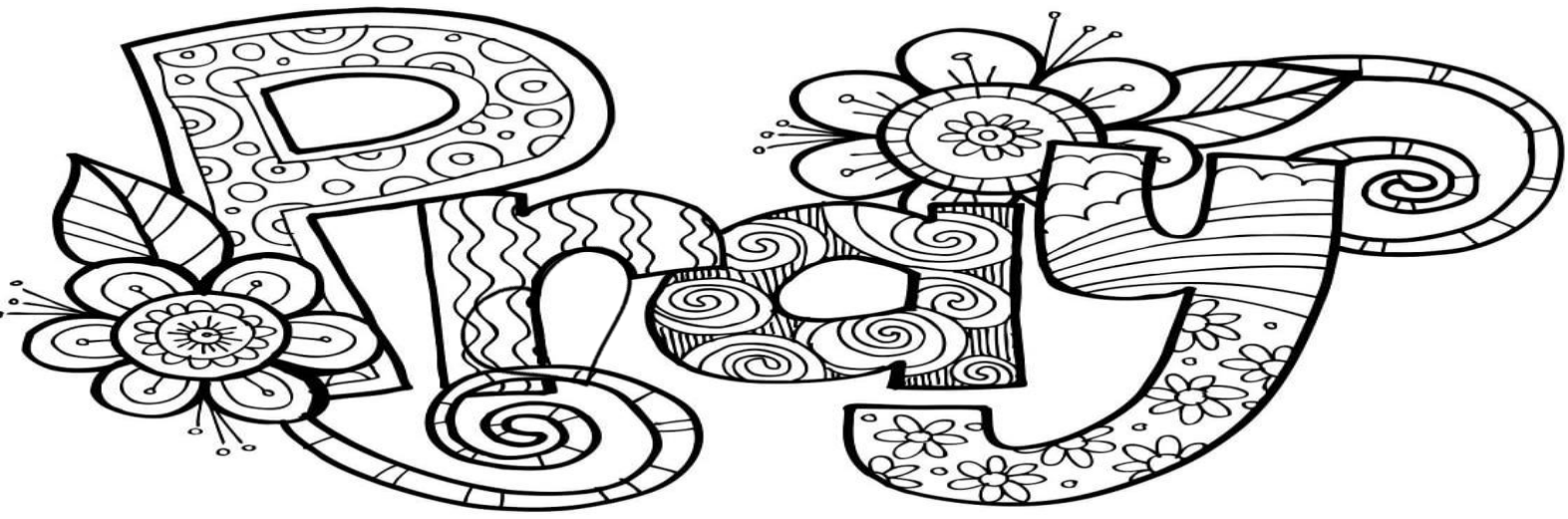
It was quite a job that Samuel had! He had to find the new king whom God had chosen.

It turned out that the new king had already had a lot of practice looking after a flock of sheep!

He would know how to care for people and protect them – and he'd look for them if they got lost.

*See if you can help the shepherd here find his lost sheep.*





*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

**Thank You, God, for the gift of Your Son to be our King.**

**We certainly need someone to look after us!**

**I know that I'm a bit like a sheep –**

**I can easily wander off**

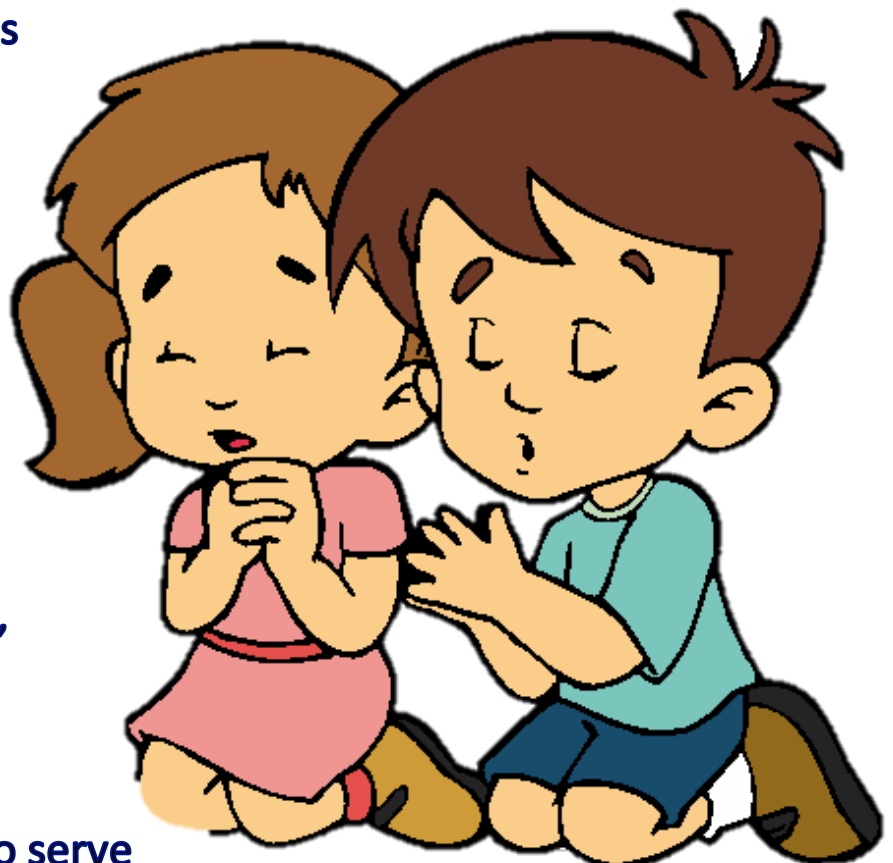
**and go my own way.**

**I'm glad that Jesus as King always  
looks out for each of His people.**

**Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You  
love me so much and have  
promised never to leave me.**

**Please give me a new heart,  
Lord, so that I can truly love You,  
with all my heart, day by day.**

**Make me someone who's able to serve  
You well all through my life. I'm glad to make You *my* King, Jesus!**



**Today's verse for you  
to try and remember!**

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**MAN  
LOOKS ON  
THE OUTWARD  
APPEARANCE,  
BUT THE  
LORD  
LOOKS ON  
THE HEART.**

*1 Samuel 16:7 ESV*

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# Wordsearch

Tonight's Wordsearch is taken from 1 Samuel 16, where Samuel anoints David as the new king.

See if you can find all the words

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M K I H A M M A H S Y J E T T E W  
F I B A Y U Y U E S A E R U Z C Q  
J N A N A X S F C N V S H M A N C  
A D I O A V L S I X C S E S M A U  
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intentions

thoughts

Gilgal

Ramah

Shammah

Abinadab

height

appearance

Eliab

Sacrifice

Heifer

Saul

Bethlehem

Jesse

ISrael

King

David

anoint

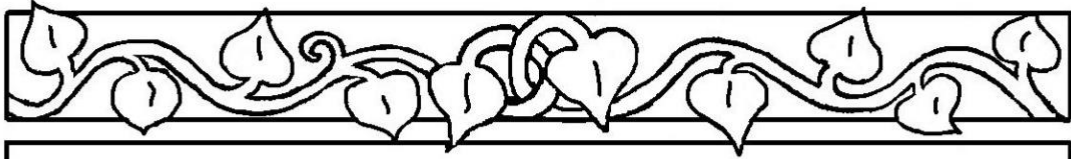
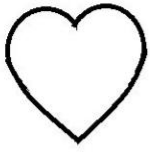
Samuel





# COLOUR in the picture

Try colouring in the important lesson below as neatly as you can!



But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

