

Upper Elementary

David Anointed

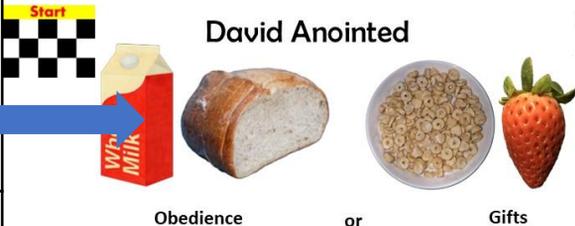
Checklist

- water glass
- water pitcher
- candle in a glass jar
- cut out food pictures printed onto cardstock and/or laminated
- rock pictures printed onto opposite sides of cardstock, or on two pieces of paper taped together, laminated if desired



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Food Pictures Imagine your parents told you to clean your room. You went upstairs planning to do it, but it looked like too much work and not at all fun. You notice your art supplies. Drawing is more fun and if you draw them a beautiful picture to give them as a gift instead, you feel like you're still doing something good. Do you think they will feel the same way?



Intro: Saul had been given a clear instruction by God but he decided to do something different, so he could give a gift to God.

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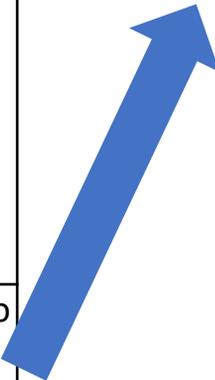
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Have you ever heard the phrase, "There's no I in team?" It means people can't work together as a team if each of them wants to do things their own way. Sometimes it's hard to do what the team captain orders. Players may want to do something that is really impressive, to get attention for themselves, but doesn't actually help their team. God is like our team captain. He looks at the big picture, not just what is good for us at a particular moment. Often, we will have to choose between doing what we want, and doing what God commands.





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Saul was given a clear instruction by God. He decided to do part of what God commanded, but then he did part of it his own way. He let his self will make the decisions instead of just following God's orders. God had said to destroy everything that belonged to the Amalekites, but he kept the best animals. When Samuel caught him, he said that it was to make sacrifices to God. This may have been true, or it may have just been an excuse. Whatever his reasons, Samuel is blunt: disobeying God is as bad as worshiping idols. That's a serious crime!

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Samuel had a difficult job to do. He had to correct the king. Then, he had an even harder job to do. He had to anoint a new king. If Saul had learned of this, he could have had Samuel executed for treason. Samuel could have chosen to do things his own way, but he chose obedience instead.



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Rock Pictures

(Show outside of rock) This looks like an ordinary rock. Nothing special. (turn it over) But on the inside is a geode. Imagine how many people passed by this rock without even a second look because it was so ordinary. They had no idea what was on the inside. Only a trained gemologist is likely to recognize this rock for what it is and know to cut it open. We may not be able to recognize what people are like on the inside, but God knows everyone's hearts. He knows our thoughts and our feelings. There is nothing we can hide from God.



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Water Glass	<p>(Show empty water glass) What is this? If you are thirsty, will this satisfy you? Why not? (it's empty) Fill it with water. Now will it satisfy you? David was open to God's leading and had a good heart. He was an empty glass ready to receive the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit was able to fill him up and take control.</p>
Candle in jar	<p>(Show candle) If I pour water in here will it satisfy you when you're thirsty? Why not? (it would taste gross, there's hardly any room for water) Samuel was so filled up with self will he hardly had any room for God's Spirit. Wax tastes pretty gross and that's what our hearts are like when they are too focused on ourselves. We need to have our hearts open if we want the Holy Spirit to work in them.</p>



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Closing:

Excuses Bee: Saul was quick to make excuses for his behavior instead of repenting. We often make excuses when we do something wrong, instead of simply owning up to it. (Have children line up spelling bee-style to make excuses for the scenarios you read. They must answer as quickly as possible and the sillier the better-use this as an example of how ridiculous we are when we make excuses.)

You watched a show you're not allowed to watch.

You were careless with your friend's toy and broke it.

You slipped some candy into your pocket when no one was looking.

You fed the healthy food you didn't want to eat to the dog under the table.

You drew on the wall.

You broke a window.

You snuck in extra screen time.

You took a book that wasn't yours.

You were caught cheating on a test.

You hung out to talk to a friend in the hallway at school when you were supposed to go to the bathroom.

You wrote in a library book.

You stuck gum under your desk at school.

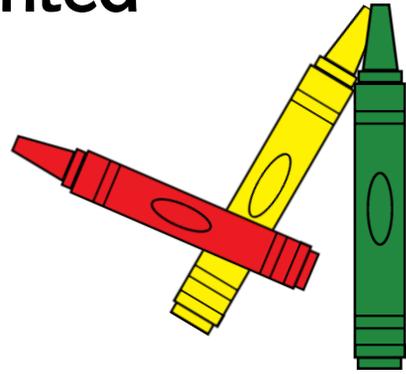
You hit your sister or brother.

Discuss how silly all the excuses were. Do you think parents and teachers fall for it when we give excuses for our poor choices? Do you think God would fall for it if we tried making excuses to Him? God knows all our thoughts, so He always knows when we have done something wrong, even if no one else finds out. God also knows that we aren't perfect, and that we're always going to make mistakes. That's why Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He didn't go to the cross so we could never make a mistake again, He went to be our substitute. God wants us to follow Him, and to admit when we mess up.

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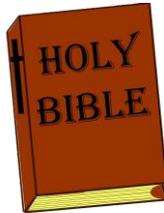
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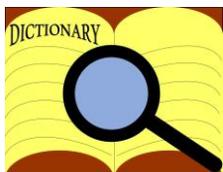
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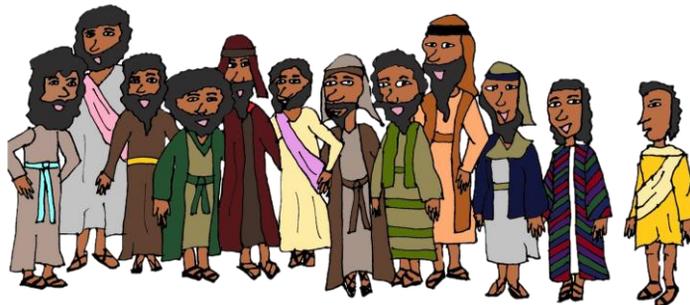
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