

SOUL STATION

ROTATION: DAVID - GOD'S ANOINTED KING



CLASS SCHEDULE:

Here is a recommended outline for your lesson. Please feel free to adapt as you see fit!



WELCOME

Welcome kids to Soul Station as they arrive. Hand out name tags and create name tags for any new students. Introduce yourself.



DIORAMA ACTIVITY *See Activity Resources*

MAKE SURE TO HAVE A PICTURE TAKEN OF EACH COMPLETED DIORAMA - WE'LL BE COLLECTING PHOTOS TO KEEP A RECORD OF ALL THE STORIES WE "VISIT"



PRAYER *Take a moment to thank God for each one of the students in the room by name. Ask God's blessing on them in the week to come.*



SEND OFF:

Encourage parents to work on the memory verse with their kids during the week. They can find the memory verse on the Zion website or through their email newsletter.

EXTRA TIME:

Preschool aged children may have a limited attention span. Our focus at this age is to introduce a story and begin to teach them simple truths about God. You will find in your room a bin of toys that can be pulled out for free play after your story/activity time are completed. While children play you can ask them one-by-one if they have remembered their Bible verse.

A Retelling of 1 Samuel 16:

Preschool students benefit from a simplified version of the scripture story. Feel free to animate this story with extra phrases and expression, just remember to keep to scriptural truths! We can all benefit from imagining more about what a Bible story might have actually been like in real life.

"Samuel!" God called to his prophet. "I have rejected Saul as the king of Israel. He has sinned against me, and my Spirit is no longer upon him to help him."

"Who will be the next king?" Samuel asked.

"I will show you when it is time," God replied. "Now get down to the town of Bethlehem to anoint a new king."

"But, Lord, what if Saul finds out that I am going down to anoint a new king?"

"Take a heifer (another name for a female cow) with you to Bethlehem and tell the elders of the city that you are coming to sacrifice to the Lord," God instructed His prophet. "Invite Jesse of Bethlehem to attend the sacrifice, because I have picked from among his sons the new king of Israel."

Quickly Samuel obeyed, headed to Bethlehem, and made his sacrifice unto the Lord. While he was at the sacrifice, Samuel sanctified Jesse and his sons. In other words, Samuel set Jesse and his sons aside from the others to worship the Lord. After this had been done, Samuel asked Jesse to bring his sons to him so the he could see them. Excitedly Jesse brought his sons to Samuel.

The Bible states that when Samuel saw Eliab, the oldest son of Jesse, he said, "Surely the Lord's anointing is on this one."

But God spoke to Samuel, "Don't look at his face or at how tall he is, because I have not chosen him: I do not see what man sees. Man looks at what a person looks like, but I look at the heart." (***)TAKE OUT GEODES FOR DEMONSTRATION)

The next one to pass before Samuel was Abinadab, but again God said, "No, not this one either."

Following Abinadab was Shammah. Again God said, "Sorry, not him."

The Bible said that Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. After the last one passed in front of Samuel, Samuel shook his head and asked Jesse if these were all his sons.

Jesse replied, "Well, there is one more, but he's the youngest. I left him home to watch the sheep."

"Get him. We will not sit down until your youngest arrives," Samuel replied determinedly.

When Jesse's youngest son arrived, Samuel saw that he was good-looking, but he was smaller and skinnier than the others.

But God said, "Anoint him. He is to be the next King!"

Immediately Samuel took the oil and anointed the boy in the middle of his brothers. From that point on, God was with the boy named David.

THE GEODES:

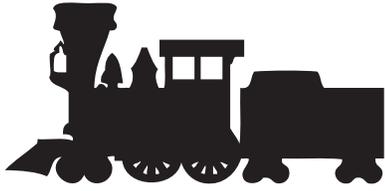
As you put together the diorama present the geode as a mystery item that needs to be included in the diorama. Leave the geode aside until you get to the verse about God looking at the heart.

Hold up the geode. Ask kids to tell you what they see. Explain that this is a very special rock to you and have them guess why it might be so special. You can let them feel it, lift it, roll it - whatever they'd like as they try to guess - they just have to be careful with it! After they have had a chance to guess, tell kids that this rock is very special because it helps you to remember that God cares about our hearts.

SAY: God doesn't care if we are wearing cool shoes or if we are the prettiest in our class or if we have the newest and coolest iPod. He cares about who we are on the inside. If we look at this rock, all we see is a plain grey rock but there is something very special inside of this rock that we can't see from the outside.

DO: Ask the children if they would like to see what is inside of the rock. Place the geode inside of a sock so that no shards of rock injure a student. Have a student volunteer come and hit the rock with a hammer - firmly but not so hard as to shatter the entire rock. Remove the geode from the sock and display to students the crystals that are on the inside.

Talk about the application to the story and then continue with the story.



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THE GEODES:

Before you let the students start on their project, present the geode as a mystery item that you think would make a good part of a diorama. Tell them that you are going to hold onto it and at the end of class you will ask them why they think it would be a good fit for the story.

Hold up the geode. Ask kids to tell you what they see. Explain that this is a very special rock to you and have them guess why you think it should be included in the story diorama. You can let them feel it, lift it, roll it - whatever they'd like as they try to guess - they just have to be careful with it! After they have had a chance to guess, tell kids that this rock is very special because it helps you to remember that God cares about our hearts.

Remind students about their memory verse and where in the story it appears. Explain that outward appearances don't always tell us what is on the inside. God, however, can always see the inside.

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Tell them that the rock could be added to the diorama as a way for us all to remember that God is always looking at our hearts and not at our outward appearances.