

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD IS PROVIDER

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel followed God's instructions and anointed David as the new king of Israel. God provided David as the king of His people because He knew David loved Him with all his heart.

JUST FOR FUN

Tell your children you'd like to do something unexpected. Instead of going on a "treasure hunt," go on a "trasher hunt." Go out into your neighborhood and try to fill up as many bags as you can with trash. Explain that God often does unexpected things in the lives of those who follow Him. Then read **1 Samuel 16:1-13**.

Did You Know?

- David was the youngest and the smallest of his brothers and wouldn't be the typical choice for a king. God was looking at David's heart. God knew David had a heart for Him.
- God used David's occupation as a shepherd, and his future occupation as armor bearer, to cultivate the love for God and leadership training he would need to be king.
- God's Spirit came upon David when he was anointed and was a powerful presence in David's life from this point forward.

Remember Verse

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

Your own vibrant faith will help foster a heart for God in your children. As you navigate the waters of parenthood, remember that your personal relationship with Christ must be central in all you do.

Teachable Moments

- Do you think David was happy or sad, scared or excited, when Samuel anointed him?
- What do you think God saw in David that made him different than his brothers?
- What are some ways God provides for you?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:
(Child's name), may you know God as your provider and love Him with your whole heart. May God provide for your every need.