



Children's Bulletin for January 5, 2025

God & the Underdogs

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1 Samuel 16:1-13 New International reader's Version (NIRV)

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you be filled with sorrow because of Saul? I have refused to have him as king over Israel. Fill your animal horn with olive oil and go on your way. I am sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." ²But Samuel said, "How can I go? Suppose Saul hears about it. Then he'll kill me." The LORD said, "Take a young cow with you. Tell the elders of Bethlehem, 'I've come to offer a sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice. Then I will show you what to do. You must anoint for me the one I point out to you."

⁴Samuel did what the LORD said. He arrived at Bethlehem. The elders of the town met him. They were trembling with fear. They asked, "Have you come in peace?" ⁵Samuel replied, "Yes, I've come in peace to offer a sacrifice to the LORD. Set yourselves apart to him and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he set Jesse and his sons apart to the LORD. He invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab. He thought, "This has to be the one the LORD wants me to anoint for him."

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the LORD looks at what is in the heart."

⁸Then Jesse called for Abinadab. He had him walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD hasn't chosen him either." ⁹Then Jesse had Shammah walk by. But Samuel said, "The LORD hasn't chosen him either." ¹⁰Jesse had seven sons walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said to him, "The LORD hasn't chosen any of them." ¹¹So he asked Jesse, "Are these the only sons you have?" "No," Jesse answered. "My youngest son is taking care of the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him. We won't sit down to eat until he arrives." ¹²So Jesse sent for his son and had him brought in. He looked very healthy. He had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Get up and anoint him. This is the one." ¹³So Samuel got the animal horn that was filled with olive oil. He anointed David in front of his brothers. From that day on, the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully on David. Samuel went back to Ramah.

Take notes by drawing or writing key words from the sermon.

God Chooses a King

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

Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13



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SAUL	ISRAEL	SACRIFICE	KING	JESSE