

Samuel Obeys God

1 Samuel 16:1-13

God Instructs Samuel

Our Bible tells about a boy named Samuel who grew up to be a leader of God's people. Samuel loved God. Because Samuel loved God, he obeyed Him and did what was right.

One day God said to Samuel, "I have chosen a new king. I want you to show the people their new king."

Samuel listened carefully to all God said to him.

"Take a little animal horn full of olive oil and go find a man named Jesse," God told Samuel. "I have chosen one of Jesse's sons to be the king. When you get there, talk to Jesse and his sons. I will show you which son I have chosen."

Samuel Visits Jesse

So Samuel obeyed God. Step, step, step. Samuel walked to find Jesse. Samuel looked at each of Jesse's sons. The oldest one was tall and strong. *Surely this is the one God wants to be king*, Samuel thought.

But God said, "No, he is not the one. The one I have chosen loves me very much."

Samuel looked at the next son and the next one. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven sons walked by Samuel. Each time God said, "No, I have not chosen this one to be king."

Samuel asked Jesse, "Do you have any more sons?"

"Yes," Jesse answered, "I have one more son. David is the youngest one. He is out in the hills taking care of our sheep."

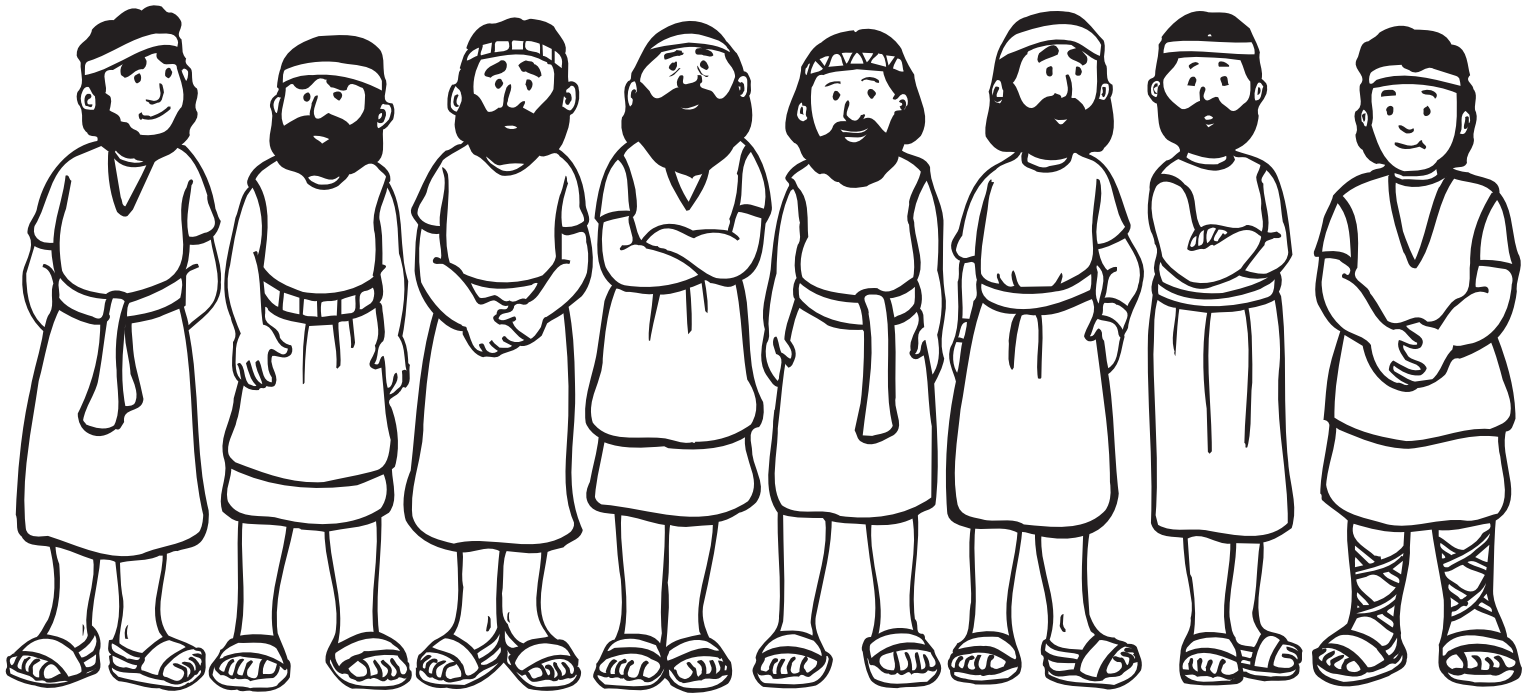
David Is Chosen King

"Tell David to come here to me," Samuel said. Soon David walked in. David loved God very much. Samuel looked at David. Then God said, "This is the one I have chosen to be king."

So Samuel took out the little animal horn filled with olive oil. He poured the oil on David's head to show that David was special—chosen by God to be king.

Conclusion

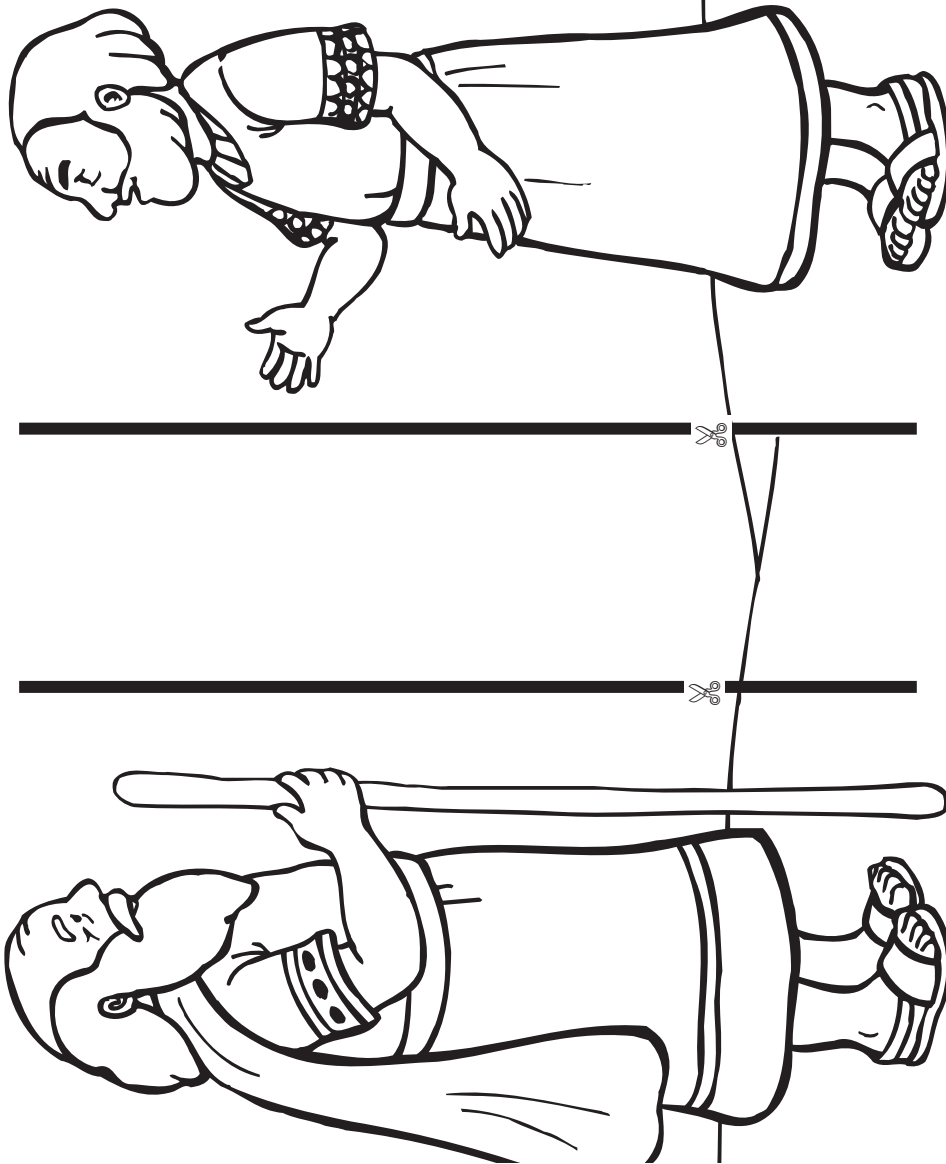
Samuel loved God. Because he loved God, he obeyed Him and did what was right. We can show our love for God by obeying, too.



Bible Story
Activity 13

Name _____

“We must obey God.” Acts 5:29



- Teacher cuts slits as shown on back of this page.
- Child colors page and cuts off strip.
- Child threads strip through slits and pulls it through to retell Bible story.
- How did Samuel obey God?
- Name some ways you can obey God.

Roll page for easy
cutting of slits.

