



Big Idea



Bible story: 1 samuel 16

INSTRUCTIONS: read the bible story

- What job did God give to Samuel?
- What was Samuel afraid of?

Sometimes, when God asks us to do something, we are afraid because of what might happen. That's a chance for us to trust God!

- Who told Samuel that David was the one?
- How did David help Saul?
- How do you think David felt about being chosen for his special job?

The job God chose David for was not an easy one, and remember, David was pretty young. He didn't have a lot of experience doing what God chose him to do, but God knew David was the perfect choice.

And God knows who I am. God has chosen special things for me and you to do, too.

God knows who we are better than anyone else. Samuel and David's Dad would probably never have picked David because he was the youngest.

But God knew who David was, and God knows who we are, and sees the greatness in us and all the potential we have!

Activity| This or That

INSTRUCTIONS: Place a long line of tape on the floor, long enough to allow each kid to have a space along it. Tell the group to stand on one side of the tape. Instruct them to move to one side or stay where they are, based on how they would answer your question [For example, "Would you rather eat eggs (indicate right side of the tape line) or cereal (indicate the left side of tape line) for breakfast?"]. Consider the suggestions below or add your own

Every day, we make a lot of choices. This game is all about choices.

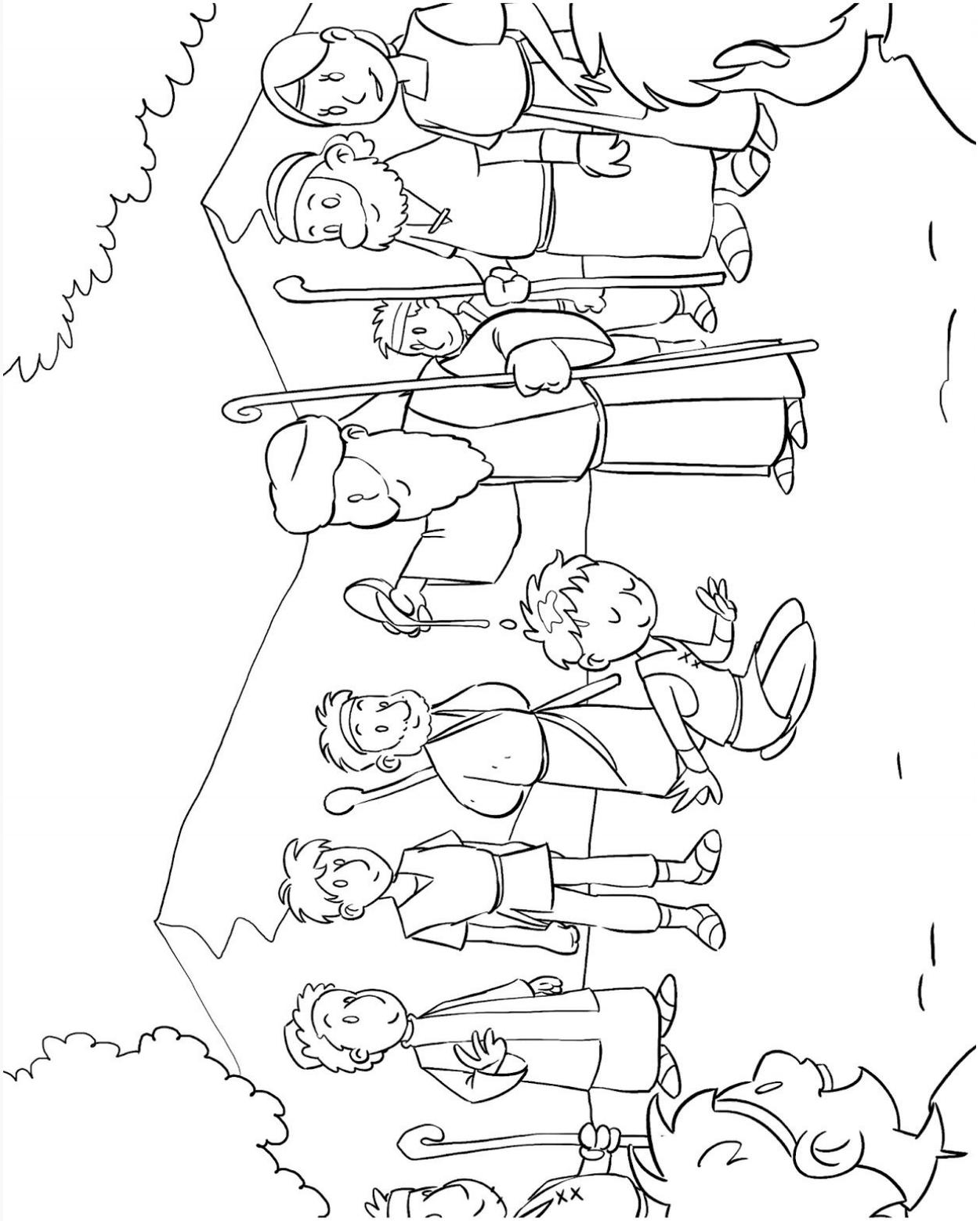
- Pool or beach?
- Cookies or cake?
- YouTube or Netflix?
- Test or book report?
- Hot dog or hamburger?
- Ice cream or snowballs?
- Disney Or Nickelodeon?
- Sleeping in or staying up late?
- Short car ride or long airplane ride?
- Winter or summer?

SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:

Mark a clear boundary by putting painter's tape across the middle of the classroom, or make 2 large squares in the room with the tape. Depending on our students' needs, I may make visuals too by printing out large pictures/clipart for each word; pool, beach, cookies, cake, YouTube, Netflix.

Activity| Brave Hearts

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each kid a red or heart-shaped balloon and a black permanent marker. Tell them to inflate the balloon and tie it closed, assisting as needed. Instruct Them to think of ways God can help them be brave when facing scary or unknown situations. Instruct them to write their responses on their balloon and take it home as a reminder that God loves them, knows them, and will help them be brave.



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