



Camp RidgeKids 2025 | Elementary Small Group (Day 1)

Day 1 Small Group: God Looks at the Heart

Text: Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Waypoint: *Brilliance – I am God’s One-of-a-Kind Masterpiece*

Key Verse: *Ephesians 2:10*

Bible Story Summary

God sent the prophet Samuel to Bethlehem to find the next king of Israel. Jesse lined up his seven oldest sons, but God told Samuel that He doesn’t choose based on appearance—He looks at the heart. The youngest son, David, wasn’t even invited at first, but God saw something special in him and chose him to be king. Even when others overlook us, God sees our true worth.

1. Why do you think people spend so much time comparing themselves to others?

- What happens when we do that? How does it affect how we see ourselves or treat others?

2. Have you ever felt overlooked or not good enough, like David was at first?

- What was that like for you? How did it make you feel about yourself?

3. What do you think it means that “God looks at the heart”?

- If God sees something valuable in you, what might He see? What kind of things do you think He cares about most?

4. The object lesson showed a diamond covered in mud. What kind of “mud” (like lies, comparisons, shame, or doubt) sometimes covers up how we see our own value?

- What helps clean that mud off and remind you of the truth about who you are?

5. If you really believed you were God’s masterpiece, how would that change the way you live?

- Would it change how you treat yourself? How you treat others?

Prayer

God, thank You for seeing us - really seeing us - not just what’s on the outside, but the heart You created inside each of us.

Thank you for making each of us a one-of-a-kind masterpiece, full of value and purpose. Help us to stop comparing ourselves to others and start believing the truth about who we are in You.

Like David, may we trust that You have chosen us for something good. Remind us every day that we are loved, created, and seen.

Amen.