



Camp RidgeKids 2025 | Preschool Bible Story (Day 1)

Day 1 Bible Story Script: God Looks at the Heart

Text: Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Big Idea: *God sees what's special on the inside.*

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

Key Phrase: *Key Phrase (repeat often): "God sees the heart!"*

1. Get Their Attention – Real Life Connection

Storyteller:

Raise your hand if you've ever wanted to be taller.

(Wait) Or faster.

(Wait) Or have cool shoes or fun toys like someone else?

(Wait) Sometimes, we look at other people and think, "I wish I could be like them."

But guess what? **God made YOU special**—just the way you are!

Let's say this together: "**God sees the heart!**"

2. The Muddy Diamond – Object Lesson Intro

(Hold up a muddy plastic diamond.)

Look at this thing. What do you think it is?

(Let kids guess: "rock," "dirt," "nothing," etc.)

It looks pretty yucky, right?

But what if something shiny and special was hiding under all this mud?

Let's wait and see. I'm going to keep it right here while we tell a story from the Bible!

3. The Bible Story – 1 Samuel 16

Storyteller:

A long, long time ago, there was a man named **Samuel**. Everyone say, "*Hi Samuel!*"

(Kids repeat.) "*Hi Samuel!*"

God told Samuel, "I want you to pick a new king!"

So Samuel went to a town called **Bethlehem** to find a man named **Jesse**. Jesse had a lot of sons!



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Let's count them together as I hold up my fingers:

One... two... three... four... five... six... seven! SEVEN sons!

Samuel looked at the first son. He was tall and strong. Samuel thought, "He must be the king!"

(Cross Your Arms/Make an X)

But God said: "NO! People look at the outside, but **God sees the heart!**"

Let's all say it together: "**God sees the heart!**"

Then Jesse showed Samuel the second son. Nope.

The third son. Nope.

All seven sons. God said, "Not him!" "Not him!" "Not him!"

Samuel was confused. "Jesse, do you have any more sons?"

Jesse said, "Well... there's one more. But he's just the youngest. He's outside with the sheep."

Can you all pretend to baa like sheep?

(Kids baaa)

Great job!

Jesse sent for his youngest son. His name was... can you guess?

DAVID!

Let's all say, "Hi David!"

(Kids repeat.) "Hi David!"

David walked in—and God said:

"YES! That's the one. He has a heart I love."

So Samuel poured oil on David's head and said, "You are going to be the next king!"

Everyone else thought David was too small or too young.

But God saw something special.

Why?

"God sees the heart!"

Let's all say it together: "**God sees the heart!**"

4. Back to the Diamond – The Big Reveal

Remember this muddy lump?

(Start gently wiping or breaking off the mud. Reveal the shiny diamond.)

Look! It wasn't just mud. It's a shiny diamond! It was there all along—just hidden. Sometimes people can't see how special something is... but that doesn't mean it isn't wonderful.

It's the same with YOU.



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God made you like a diamond—brilliant and one-of-a-kind!
He sees the beautiful heart inside of you.

5. Wrap-Up & Response

Let's say our special truth one more time:
"God sees the heart!"

And He sees YOUR heart. He sees your kindness. Your smile. Your love.
You are God's masterpiece. And he has something *very special* for you to do.