



Camp RidgeKids 2025 | Preschool 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. Let’s all point to our hearts.

- Can you remember what God looks at? (Let them answer, then lead them in saying... **“God sees the heart!”**)

2. How many sons did Jesse show Samuel at first?

- (Let’s count on our fingers together: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7!)
- Did God pick any of them to be king? (No!)
- Who did God choose? (David!)

3. Let’s pretend to be David, taking care of sheep.

- (Lead kids in gentle baa-ing or pretending to hold a shepherd’s staff.)
- Why do you think everyone forgot about David?
- Do you think God forgot him? (No way!)

4. Hold your hands like you’re holding a big diamond.

- Can something be dirty on the outside but still special on the inside? (Yes!)
- That’s just like us! God sees the shiny, wonderful, one-of-a-kind YOU.

5. Let’s say today’s waypoint together:

- **“I am God’s One of a Kind Masterpiece”**
- Let’s say it again: **“I am God’s One of a Kind Masterpiece”**

Prayer

Dear God, Thank You for making me special.

Thank You for seeing my heart.

Help me remember that You love me, even when I feel small or left out.

You made me your masterpiece!

I love You.

Amen.