

# SABBATH SCHOOL

## Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

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Level 2 • Unit 2 • Week 1

### GOD IS ALL-KNOWING

**OBJECTIVE:**

To show that God knows everything about everyone, including us, and that He knows best how to help us and work with us.

**ATTENTION GETTER:**

Do you think God would choose you to be a king now while you are just a child? He did choose one young man to be king while he was just a teen. He was chosen then, but he was not crowned king until later. His name was David. God chose him when he was just a boy tending sheep. He was the youngest boy in the family. God knew his heart; that is, God knew how he thought and the way he would act when he was young and when he was old.

**LESSON:**

Supplies Needed: A puppet to play the part of Samuel.

*Hold up Samuel puppet and tell story.*

"I am Samuel. I am a priest for the nation Israel. I am also a prophet of God. God knows that I will do whatever He tells me, even if it is dangerous.

"One day God told me to go and anoint the person He chose to become king of Israel. This was dangerous for me, because there was already a king of Israel, named Saul. Saul would be very angry that there would be someone to take his place. He would kill me, if he knew what I was doing. But I did what God said I should do.

"In order to save my life, God told me what to do. I was to go to the place where the future king was, and make a sacrifice of a young cow to the Lord. He said, 'Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.' This I did, and Jesse came to the sacrifice with his sons.

"Jesse had eight sons. One of them would one day become king in place of King Saul. I wondered which one it would be. His oldest son Eliab seemed like the right one. He had experience, and he was tall and good-looking. But God said, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him.'"

*Put puppet down.* Why do you suppose God did not choose him? Answer: God says in His Bible that, "The LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

When people talk about our hearts they often mean how we feel. Can God see how we feel?  
Answer: Yes, He is all-knowing!

*Resume with puppet.*

"I found Jesse's second son, Abinadab. He was a good-looking man also, but the Lord did not choose him either. Jesse then brought five more of his sons before me, but the Lord did not choose them. I didn't know what to do. I knew the Lord wanted me to anoint one of Jesse's sons."

*Put puppet down.* When you don't know what the right thing to do is, what should you do?  
Answer: You ask your parents, and you ask God in prayer. God guided Samuel, because he always prayed to God.

*Resume with puppet.*

"I knew the Lord would guide me. He put it in my mind to ask Jesse: 'Are all the young men here?' Jesse said, 'There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.' It was David! David was a healthy, good-looking teen. I wondered if he could be the one. It was not usual for the youngest son to have such an honor.

"But God said that he was the one! So I put oil on his head to anoint him as future king, and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.

"Because God was with David in a special way, he had a very adventurous life. God said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will'" (Acts 13:22).

*Put puppet down.* If David was a man after God's own heart, does this mean that God felt love for David? Answer: Yes.

Did God know that David would obey Him because David loved God? Answer: Yes! David did finally become king, and he was the greatest king of Israel.

## **LESSON APPLICATION:**

Make a crown.

While coloring the crown discuss: God wants you to be a king in His future kingdom. He knows how you think and how you feel. Here is a verse from the Bible that will help you to know this.

Matthew 10:29-31: "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

Does God watch all the sparrows? Answer: Yes.

Do you know how many hairs you have on your head? Answer: No.

Does God know how many hairs you have on your head? Answer: Yes.

Does God know what you are doing now? Answer: Yes.

Does God know your thoughts? Answer: Yes.

If He knows this, can He help you? Answer: Yes.

While fitting the crowns, ask:

Since God knows what you need, does He want to help you? Answer: Yes.

Would He like you to ask Him for help like Samuel did? Answer: Yes.

Will you do what God guides you to do through your parents, teachers and His Bible? Answer: YES!

Then you can be children after God's own heart, like David, and be rulers in His future kingdom. (Put crowns on.)

## **Music:**

Sing to the tune of "Old King Cole."

Sam-u-el was a very good man,  
A very good man was he.  
He looked for a king,  
And he looked for young David, see  
Fi diddle de de, Fi fiddle de de.

## **MEMORY VERSE:**

1 Samuel 16:7 "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature... The LORD looks at the heart."

# *family activity*

## **THE POINT:**

God knows everything about us, and can guide us in all we do.

## **ASK ME...**

Who was Samuel? Answer: A prophet of God.

Why was David chosen to be Israel's king? Answer: Because he had a good heart.

Why did you make a crown in class? Answer: To remind me that God knows my heart and wants me to rule in His Kingdom.

## **FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:**

During the week, when appropriate, ask your child what he or she would do in various instances if he or she were king.

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