



SESSION 1

BIBLE STORY

Samuel Anoints David
1 Samuel 16:1-12

HERO CODE

God's Heroes Have Heart

HERO VERSE

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14B

MATERIALS

- Bible Story Poster
- Heart-Shaped template
- red construction paper

EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE STORY

TRANSITION INTO THE BIBLE STORY

Invite children to stop their current activity and prepare for the Bible Story by joining in this Action Rhyme.

Calling all Heroes (cup your hands around your mouth)

Far and Near ...

Gather around. There's a story to hear!

Oh my goodness, there's so much to do ...

Come on, Heroes ... We're waiting for you!

BIBLE STORY POSTER

Place the poster for Session 1 at child's eye level.

Have the children gather around the poster. Let's use our superhero vision to look at today's story poster! Look carefully, Heroes. What do you see?

Invite the children to place their hands around their eyes (like binoculars) and use their "hero vision" to look at the Bible story poster. Invite the children to take turns identifying story elements from the poster. Ask question to review today's story. Show children the poster before and after the telling of the Bible story.

GET READY

Follow the Heart. Play a simple game of Follow the Leader. Have the leader hold a heart shape during the transitional activity.

Let's go, Heroes! Let's go after it!



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TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Our story comes from the Bible book of 1 Samuel. *Open the Bible to 1 Samuel. It is about a hero named David.*

Help me act out today's Bible lesson! Let's stand up.

Samuel had a big job to do. He had to choose a new king. God sent him to Bethlehem to find a new king. *(Have the children pretend to walk in place.)*

Samuel went to Bethlehem to the home of Jesse. Jesse had many sons. One of them would be king!

"Is it the son who is tall?" asked Samuel. *(Have the children reach up and stand on their toes to pretend to be tall.)*

"Is it the son who is small?" asked Samuel. *(Have the children stoop down to pretend to be small.)*

"Is it the son who is strong?" asked Samuel. *(Have the children make strong muscle arms.)*

"Is it the son who is fast?" asked Samuel. *(Have the children run in place.)*

Samuel said, "God hasn't chosen any of them to be king. Do you have another son?"

Jesse said, "Yes, a young son who is watching the sheep." When Samuel saw David, God said, "He's the one! He has a good heart."

Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David to be the next king.

David wasn't the tallest or the fastest or the strongest. David was the one with the good heart.

David was a hero for God.

THINK ABOUT IT

- Why did God choose David?
- How do you think David felt about being chosen?



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- 3-5 large cups
- Small ball

RESPOND TO THE BIBLE STORY

RESPONSE PRAYER

Thank you God, for the story of David. Thank you for loving us. Amen.

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

Put the paper cups on a tabletop, turned upside down. Put a small ball under one of the cups. Move the cups around so that the children will not remember where the ball is hidden. Let a child choose a cup. Lift the cup to see if the ball is underneath it. Move the cups around again and choose another child to take a turn. Continue until each child has had a turn.

Samuel had a big job to do. He had to choose a new king. In our game, we saw that it is not always easy to choose. But God told Samuel which one to choose. David was the right choice to be king.

In our Bible story, we learned that God sees our inside our hearts. God's heroes have hearts that love others and love God.

HERO VERSE

Open the Bible to Psalm 34:14b

God's Word says, "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!"

Heroes, let's give a thumbs-up whenever we say "Do good!" Okay, show me those thumbs when we say it. *(together with them)* "Do good!"

Now let's add a peace symbol when we say "Seek peace!" Like this: *(demonstrate)* All together, now: "Seek peace!"

For the last part, we're going to make a superhero pose, with one fist stretched way up high and the other about shoulder height. *(Demonstrate the superhero pose.)* "Go after it!" Now you try!