

Rhythms of Grace Worship • November Year 3

Theme: Shepherd Boy to King-David
The Calling of David

Scripture: 1Samuel 16:6b-13

Date: _____

Location: _____

Volunteer Roles:

Facilitator _____

Storyteller _____

Celebrant _____

Center Leader _____

Guide _____

Items needed for this Session

Gathering: paper plates, cotton balls (lg, and exlg), glue, box with slits in top and covered with construction paper grass, paint sticks or dowel sticks (diagram in resources)

Storytelling: Bible, Jesus doll, Storytelling pages, felt board, story, Response cards: “Yes” and “No”, figures representing 7 sons and David with crook, horn for oil, crown, stuffed sheep, and optional figures for Jesse and Samuel (or can be acted out by leaders or adults). Note: This story can be told with felt pieces, heavy card stock or foam board pieces. (pictures in Resources)

Response Activities:

Poster board crowns- jewels, sequins, etc., glue, precut crowns

All different sizes sort- different sized cut outs of paper dolls (form in Resources), construction paper, glue

Spoon game- plastic spoons, cotton balls, basket

Ball Toss- large felt sheep slightly stuffed and attached to foam board, light weight balls (practice baseball or golf balls) with Velcro attached to them (pictures of sheep and balls in Resources)

Regathering: *Jesu, Jesu*, elements for the Eucharistic table (see Eucharist-Book 1)

Eucharist: altar table and elements (pita bread/rice crackers, juice, chalice, paten, purificator, corporal, altar cloth), Eucharistic Prayer (see Book 1 p. 100), *Gather our Hearts* song lyrics (see book 1 p. 99)

Dismissal: *Jesus Loves Me* song lyrics (see Book 1 p. 99 and CD Yr. 2 additional resources)

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Gathering: As participants gather all will make paper plate sheep with cotton balls and arrange them in front of the room in the slotted box

Storytelling: With the Bible and Jesus doll, and Storytelling pages, depending on how you decide to tell the story have the figures with you, or if you create large life size figures (of different sizes) to be brought up to the front, leave them in the back. Also if you are using leaders for Jesse and Samuel they should be in the back. Samuel keeps the crown and anointing horn with him.

Response Activities:

Poster board crowns- Using precut crowns participants will glue on jewels, gems, and any other items available.

All different size sort- First participants are given a variety of sized doll figures that they can put in sequence through discussion with the leader then they can glue in sequence according to size.

Spoon Game- Carrying sheep fluff (cotton balls) on a spoon through a predetermined path children deposit the “fluff” in a basket.

Ball Toss- Velcro balls are tossed at the sheep mounted on the foam board. Participant continues to try until they have attached the “fluff” to the sheep. (toss needs to be underhand and softly thrown to attach)

Regathering: All participants line up from smallest (shortest) to largest (tallest) and exchange the PEACE. Singing *Jesu, Jesu*, each receives an element for placement at the altar, and as the clergy sets the table all create a circle around the altar.

Eucharist: Sing: *Gather our Hearts*
Gather our hearts, oh God
Gather our thoughts, oh God
Bring us together around you

Celebration of the Eucharist

Dismissal: All sing and sign *Jesus Loves Me*
Celebrant provides the blessing:
Celebrant: “*Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord*”
Participant: “*Thanks be to God!*”

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Note: This story was originally written needing 10-12 volunteers. Please feel free to adapt to your worship needs. Assistant roles: Samuel, Jesse, 7 sons, David, and one or two storytellers. Large (some two pieces) of foam board for height were used for the brothers, each brother is smaller and smaller until David which was about half the size of one foam board or have a small participant be David. See Resource picture. You could use foam board but smaller to prop against a wall or felt figures with a felt board.

Place the Bible and Jesus doll by the Storyteller. Have the assistant playing Samuel hold the horn and crown or have them with the storyteller.

Our story today is from the Bible, (*show the Bible*) our book that tells the stories of God and God's people, of Jesus (*show Jesus doll*), God's son, and of how much God loves us (*place hands over heart*). Today's story comes from the part of our Bible before Jesus was born. It is called the Old Testament. There is a part in this story where we'll need help. (*assign an assistant*). Our assistant has two response cards that he/she will hold up when we need you to help tell the story. One card says "no" (*assistant holds up*) and one says "yes" (*assistant holds up*). Let's try once. (*assistant holds up each and congregation responds appropriately*).

Let's begin the story. There was a man named Samuel who was very close to God (*Samuel walks to center of the storytelling area and holds the horn and crown*). God told Samuel that Saul who was then the King could no longer be the King of the People of Israel. He told Samuel that he would show him the new king and that he should anoint the new king with the oil in this horn (*Samuel holds up the horn*). Samuel was nervous about the mission that God had given him but he also knew that God would show him the way.

God told Samuel to see Jesse from Bethlehem, for the new king would be from among his sons. So Samuel set out for Bethlehem (*Samuel walks to back of group*). When he arrived, he met Jesse, (*Jesse walks to Samuel and they shake hands, both stand at center of the circle*) and Samuel asked to meet his sons.

(Storyteller pauses) Jesse brought Samuel his oldest son, Eliab (*E-lee-ab*), (*person with largest "son" walks to Samuel, stands somewhat in front of him*) and Samuel thought, "Surely the Lord's chosen is this son." But the Lord said to Samuel, (*assistant holds up the "no" sign*), (*the congregation says*) "NO"! (*person with largest "son" stands next to Jesse*).

God said to Samuel, "Do not just look at his appearance or his height", as Eliab (*El-e-ab*) was very tall. I do not look at the outward appearances but I look at the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab (*A-bi-na-dab*) to come. Was he the chosen son? (raise card for congregation, “no”) (*the congregation says*) “NO”! (*person with second largest “son” stands next to Jesse and Eliab*). The Lord did not choose Abinadab...

Jesse called Shammah, (*Sahm-mah*) his next son to come. Once again, God spoke to Samuel and said, (*repeat the “no”*), “NO”. (*Shammah stands next to Abinadab*). No...Not Shammah.

Four more of Jesse’s sons were called before Samuel and each one was turned away by God...(as each brother is brought up to Samuel, assistant raises the “no” sign and congregation repeats “NO”, then the brother moves next to prior brother).

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Seven sons of Jesse presented themselves to Samuel but Samuel was patient and waited for a “YES” from God....

Samuel said to Jesse, “Are these all of your sons?” “There is one remaining,” Jesse said. “My smallest son, David, but he is keeping the sheep.” Samuel told Jesse to send for him to come. So Jesse sent and had David brought to them. (*David comes in*) When he arrived the Lord said to Samuel, (*assistant raises the “Yes” sign*), “YES”! “Rise and anoint him; he is the one!” So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the presence of his brothers. (*Samuel takes the horn and pretends to pour oil on David then gives him the crown*).

From that day on the spirit of the Lord came upon David and filled him with the power to do God’s work.

Amen!

After an appropriate pause, the Storyteller goes to explain the activities of the day.