

# Wisdomland - God can help you make the wise choice

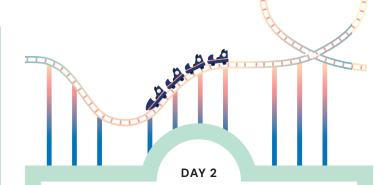
DAY 1

#### Read 1 Samuel 16:7

""But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the Lord looks at what is in the heart." (NIrV).

In our Bible story, Samuel was looking for a new king, and he saw Jesse's sons who looked strong and king-like. But God told Samuel not to look at the outside. God cares about what's inside a person's heart. God helped Samuel make the wise choice, even when it wasn't the most obvious one!

And guess what? The one God chose was David, just a shepherd boy at the time! But God saw something amazing in his heart. You don't have to be the tallest, loudest, or fastest to be chosen by God. What matters most is having a heart that loves Him.



### Read 1 Samuel 16:12-13

"After Samuel met all of Jesse's older, strong sons, God told him to wait. "Are these all your sons?" Samuel asked. Jesse said, "Well, there's the youngest, David, out taking care of the sheep." And guess what? God chose David! Even though David was just a shepherd boy and the youngest, God saw his heart. When Samuel poured oil on David's head, it was a special sign that God had chosen him, and God's Spirit came upon David. God chose David to be the next king because David had a heart for God. God can help you make wise choices, just like He helped Samuel and David!" (NIrV).

#### **HEART CHECK**

On a piece of paper, draw a big heart. Inside the heart, write or draw one wise choice you could make today (sharing your toys, being kind to a sibling, listening to a grown-up). Outside the heart, draw something that might make it hard to make that choice (a grumpy face, a toy or game you want to keep all to yourself). Remember, God sees your heart and can help you choose wisely!

#### Read Proverbs 16:16

"It is much better to get wisdom than gold. And it is better to choose understanding than silver." (NIrV).

Imagine you're in a maze at Wisdomland, and you come to a point where there are two different choices on how to move forward. One is super shiny and looks like it leads to a pile of gold. The other track looks simple, but a sign says "Wisdom." The flashy one looks tempting. The simple one may seem too basic, even boring.

But our Bible verse tells us that choosing wisdom is much better than choosing gold or silver! Why? Because wisdom helps us make good choices, even when things are tricky. Wisdom helps us think before we act. It helps us know what God wants us to do. David, even as a young shepherd, chose wisdom when he trusted God to help him fight Goliath.

Pray today, asking God for wisdom! "Dear God, please give me wisdom to make wise choices today. Help me to listen to You and follow Your path. I love You, Amen."

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### Read 2 Timothy 2:7

"God gave us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn't make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love. He helps us control ourselves" (NIrV).

After God chose David to be king, David went back to being a shepherd. But soon, he faced a giant problem: Goliath! Everyone else was scared, but David remembered how God had helped him before when he fought a lion and a bear. He knew God would help him again. David chose to trust God and fight Goliath in a surprising way, with a sling and a stone. God helped David in this very big moment! God's Spirit can help you make wise choices, too, no matter how big or small the challenge.

#### **WISDOMLAND MAP**

Get a piece of paper and some crayons or markers. Draw a simple "map" of your home or a place you spend a lot of time, like school or a playground. Think of two or three places on your map where you might need to make a wise choice this week, it could be your bedroom (when choosing to clean up), the living room (when sharing the TV), or the playground (when playing with friends).

For each place, draw a small picture of the wise choice you could make. Talk about your Wisdomland map with a grown-up and ask for advice on making wise choices. week. Before you try it, pray and ask God for courage! God can help you, just like He helped Moses.