



## LESSON 33 SKIT

**Principle:** God looks at the heart. Man looks at the outside.

**Bible Character(s):** David

**Scripture Reference:** 1 Samuel 16



**PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Before this weekend, please read 1 Samuel 16. God rejected Saul from his kingship and revealed to Samuel who the next king would be. God told Samuel to go to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem. Samuel met each of Jesse's sons and guessed who the next king would be based on appearance, but God looked at the heart of each son.

God chose David to be the next king because God looked at his heart instead of his outward appearance. God cares more about the condition of a person's heart than what a person looks like on the outside. In what ways do you look at the outward appearance, instead of the heart, in your daily walk? How much of your first impression of others is based on outward appearance versus a person's heart? Spend some time meditating on 1 Samuel 16:7 and ask God to help you to care more about a person's heart than his outward appearance.



### **BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes**

#### **1) Run-through/Prayer**

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check)

#### **2) Welcome Cabins**

Band member says, "Welcome to Camp Grace!" before intro song

#### **3) Intro Song**

#### **4) Camp Competition**

## ON the Nose

Have two campers from each cabin come up to the front. They will line up (do this in two groups if needed for space). One camper will hold the bowl of cotton balls. The other camper, using only their nose and the petroleum jelly (big group volunteers will put the petroleum jelly on the camper's nose), will race to see who can transfer 2 cotton balls from one end of the room to the other. They can only transfer one cotton ball at a time. And they cannot use their hands. The first person to finish wins the camp banner.

## 5) Worship Set

### Worship Connector

What activity did you do in your cabins before you came to Big Group? You looked at pictures of books and decided which one looked better to read. Why did you choose the ones you did? It sounds like you judged each book by its cover. Today we are going to learn more about what that means. God is going to reveal the next king of Israel to Samuel, but God did not choose him based off of his outward appearance. God looked at his heart. You're going to learn more about why God looks at the heart instead of the outside when you go back to your cabins. God knows each one of us and every part of us. Let's think about this as we sing this last song.

## 6) Skit

Look at the Heart

### ProPresenter:

Slide: 1 Samuel 16:7 verse [NLT]

### Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1: Generic country singer

Staff Member #2: Generic pop singer

Staff Member #3: Band member

### Script:

Band Member: Listen, everyone, before we go off stage to listen to the Bible story, would it be okay if we take a few minutes to meet some people who asked to be a part of the worship team? (The music team nods in agreement.) Great! I asked them to wait backstage. Why don't we bring each person out one at a time. We'll let them audition and we can all decide if they are a good fit for our worship team or not. Okay, let's get started. Could the first person come out please?

(Staff Member #1 enters dressed like a pop star. He should dance on stage a little.)

Staff Member #1: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Band Member: (To the other band members.) What do you guys think? (The band members give a thumbs-down sign. Staff Member #1 shrugs, hangs head, and walks off stage.) Well, that guy has left the building. Let's see who we have next.

(Staff Member #2 enters. She smiles and waves at the crowd and gives high fives to the audience.)

**What do you guys think?** (The band members give a thumbs-down sign. Staff Member #2 frowns and walks off stage.)

Storyteller: I don't want to interrupt, but I've got to ask you what's going on here?

Band Member: We're trying to pick a few new worship team members.

Storyteller: How do you know if you want them in the worship team by simply looking at them?

Band Member: Well, they have to fit in with the rest of us. (Band members nod in agreement.) We all have a certain look. Dare I say...a certain coolness? We need someone who will fit in with our look. So far, no one has looked as cool as we do. But we're not giving up. There are more people backstage.

Storyteller: I'm sorry, but I have to disagree with your method for picking a new member for the worship team. You are making your decision based on appearance. You haven't even heard any of these guys play an instrument or sing. You haven't talked with them to learn more about them. You don't know anything about the inside of these people.

Band Member: You know, you might have something there. There might be more to picking out a member for our group than just the way they look.

Storyteller: The Bible has a lot to say about that. Why don't you guys sit with the campers and listen to the Bible story?

Band Member: Yeah. That would be great. Come on, guys. (Band members leave stage.)

Storyteller: Today, we're going to begin talking about one of the most exciting people in the Bible, David. You'll find the beginning of David's story in 1 Samuel 16.

If you remember last week's story, you know that Saul was the king of Israel, but he disobeyed God and lost his kingdom. It was up to Samuel to pick a new king. God gave Samuel very specific instructions for finding the king that God had already chosen. God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem to find Jesse. The king God had already chosen would be one of Jesse's eight sons.

Now, we know from the Bible that Saul was a very handsome king. (Whistle as if whistling at a very attractive person.) So, Samuel began looking at Jesse's sons to find the most handsome one. He saw Eliab, a tall and handsome man. (Whistle.) But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Jesse began to call all his sons one by one to pass before Samuel. After seven sons, Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats." Samuel sent for the young son. When the youngest boy finally arrived, Samuel was surprised that he was just a boy. The Lord told Samuel that this was the one. Samuel anointed him with oil and the Spirit of the Lord came upon this boy, David.

Samuel was looking for a handsome and tall man to be the powerful king of Israel. (Whistle.) Looking for someone like Saul. Little did he know, that God had chosen a little shepherd boy.

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In 1 Samuel 16:7, God says, "People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." That's true. We sometimes put our focus on the right clothes, the best new athletic shoes, the coolest hairstyle. We want people to notice the way we look. We might even choose our friends by the way they dress or the way they look. But that's not what God cares about. The Lord looks at the heart. I want to look past outward appearances and look at the heart, too.

Let's pray. Father, I am so glad You look at our hearts. Help us to remember that the heart is more important than outward appearance. Amen.



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