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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Accepting God, you have chosen the least likely for your special purposes. Show us how you work in unexpected ways to carry out your will for the world which you have made. In Jesus' name, Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."<sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. (1 Samuel 16:12-13)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Samuel has the weighty task of choosing Israel's next king from among Jesse's many impressive sons. But God—as usual—has a surprise at hand.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What leadership qualities do you possess? (Everyone has some.) What other gifts has God given you? How can you use your gifts to do God's work in the world?

Wonder: What did God see in David? How did David's brothers feel about being passed up for the kingship?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God choose you just for who you are. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

David was nearly overlooked. Consider someone important in your life that is easy to overlook. (A kid's favorite teacher, your minister, postal delivery person, pharmacist, police, etc.) Write and send a letter, card, or email letting them know how important they are to you. Thank them for their role in your life.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14, God Calls David  
Monday, 1 Samuel 17:1-11, Goliath  
Tuesday, 1 Samuel 17:12-23, David Visits His Brothers  
Wednesday, 1 Samuel 17:31-40, David Prepares for Battle  
Thursday, 1 Samuel 17:41-54, David Slays Goliath  
Friday, 1 Kings 1:28-31, Solomon Becomes King  
Saturday, 1 Kings 3:3-15, Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom