



# God Talk At Home

**This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:**  
God Rejects Saul and Chooses David

**Take Home Point:**  
God wants us to follow him with our whole heart.

## Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Who in the Bible event followed after God with his whole heart? (*David*) How did God reward him? (*He had Samuel anoint him as Israel's next king.*)

## God Time at Home

*Select questions and adapt for your family.*

**FOR STARTERS:** Let the kids show you an optical illusion they learned in today's lesson. Roll this paper into a tube. Look through it with your right eye keeping your left eye open. Focus on something far away. Bring up your left palm and place it against the end of the tube. It will appear that you are looking through a hole in your hand. Let everyone try this while you discuss the question, "If God were looking into your heart today, what would he see that shows you follow him with your whole heart?"

**READ THE BIBLE:** Read from a story Bible about Saul disobeying God and David being chosen as the new king as found in 1 Samuel 15 and 16.

**KEY VERSE:** 1 Samuel 16:7, "*Humans look at outward appearances, but the LORD looks into the heart.*"

**TALK ABOUT IT:** How did Saul disobey God? (*1 Samuel 15:9. When God ordered Saul to attack the Amalekites and destroy everything, Saul saved some of the best things for himself.*) How did Saul answer Samuel when asked why he didn't carry out the Lord's instructions? (*1 Samuel 15:15, 21. Saul tried to blame his soldiers. He made the excuse that he would use the best animals for sacrifices.*) Since Saul did not follow God with his whole heart, what happened? (*1 Samuel 15:26-28. God said Saul would no longer be king.*) Who was anointed to be the next king and where was this done? (*1 Samuel 16:10-13. David was anointed king in Bethlehem. He was Jesse's youngest son.*) Why didn't Jesse bring David to the sacrifice when Samuel asked him to introduce all of his sons to him? (*He probably thought since David was so young, he wasn't as important. He may have thought God would surely not choose a boy to be king.*)

According to the key verse, what do you think God saw in David's heart that made him pick David to be king instead any of his brothers? (*A heart devoted to and dependant on God.*) If God looked in your heart, would he see obedience or disobedience to him? Are you ever like Saul and want to hide your disobedience? What is the best way to respond when you make a mistake or are disobedient? (*Confess your sin and repent. Turn away from that sin.*)

**PRAYER POWER:** Thank God for looking past our sins and forgiving us when we accept Jesus. Pray for God's help to follow him with our whole hearts. Pray for friends who may not have Jesus in their hearts. Pray for opportunities to talk to them about Jesus.

## Family Time Option

*One day this week, try...*

God wants us to follow him with our whole hearts. When God looks at our hearts, he can see the disobedient things we have done. But because of Jesus' death on the cross for our disobedience, God can look right past those bad things. God forgives our sin when he sees Jesus in our hearts. Because of that, we can serve God and obey him with our whole hearts.

Cut out a heart and tape it to the refrigerator. During the week, catch people doing acts of obedience that indicate they are following God with their whole heart. Write these acts on the heart.

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