



## What are we talking about today?

### | ACTIVITY | Career Charades

For the next few weeks, we'll be learning about what it means to be brave. Today, we'll learn about a shepherd boy named David who was chosen for a very special job. Let's start with a game where you, too, will be chosen for a very special job. . . sort of.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print out the "Career Charades" printable. Distribute the career cards to each kid, asking them to keep their card hidden. Have your child choose one card at a time and act out that profession, while the rest of the family tries to guess.*

### | ACTIVITY | This or That

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Place a line of tape on the floor, and have your child stand on one side of the tape. Instruct them to move to one side or stay where they are, based on how they would answer your question [For example, "Would you rather eat eggs (indicate right side of the tape line) or cereal (indicate the left side of tape line) for breakfast?"]. Consider the suggestions below or add your own.*

Every day, we make a lot of choices. This game is all about choices.

- Pool or beach?
- Cookies or cake?
- YouTube or Netflix?
- Test or book report?
- Hot dog or hamburger?
- Ice cream or snowball?
- Disney or Nickelodeon?
- Sleeping in or staying up late?
- Short car ride or long airplane ride?

- Winter or summer?

## | QUESTION | The Best Thing About Being You

### What is the best thing about being you?

Today, we are going to hear about David, who was chosen to do a very special job. David wasn't chosen by people around him. He was chosen by God for this special job. Just like David, we are also chosen by God to do something special. What God chooses for you might be different than what God chooses for others, but you can have faith and believe your special job will be perfect just for you.

## | THE BIG IDEA | God knows who I am.

**INSTRUCTIONS :** *Ask the kids to give you a drumroll by stomping their feet or patting their laps.*

This week's Big Idea: **God knows who I am.**

# Why does it matter to God and to us?

## | VIDEO | Brave, Episode 1

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's teaching video

## | SCRIPTURE | 1 Samuel 16

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read it!*  
**What job did God give to Samuel?**

**What was Samuel afraid of?** Sometimes, when God asks us to do something, we are afraid because of what might happen. That's a chance for us to trust God!

**Who told Samuel that David was the one?**

**How did David help Saul?**

**How do you think David felt about being chosen for his special job?**

The job God chose David for was not an easy one, and remember, David was pretty young. He didn't have a lot of experience doing what God chose him to do, but God knew David was the

perfect choice. And **God knows who I am**. God has chosen special things for me and you to do, too.

God knows who we are better than anyone else. Samuel and David's Dad would probably never have picked David because he was the youngest. But God knew who David was, and God knows who we are, and sees the greatness in us and all the potential we have!

### | ACTIVITY | I Am

Today, we read how God chose David for a very special, important job. You were created to do great things, too, because God knows who you are.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give your child a sheet of blank paper and a pencil. Tell them to write their name in large letters in the middle of the paper. Help the kids brainstorm words that would complete an "I am..." statement, such as "I [John] am creative, bold, etc." Instruct them to write the words in various places around their name. Then, give them colored pencils or markers to decorate the page.*

### | SCRIPTURE | 1 Corinthians 8:3

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read it!*  
**What do you think it means to be known by God?**

**How does it make you feel to know that you are known by God?**

God knows us because God created us. God gave us our personalities, our gifts, our talents, and our physical appearance. God designed us to do the very special work that only we can do.

## What does God want us to do about it?

### | ACTIVITY | Unknown Journey

David's life took an unexpected turn when God chose him to be king. Sometimes, we don't know what to expect in life, but God has it all planned out.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the kids to spread out around a large playing area. Tell them to turn and face any direction they'd like to. Randomly call out "left" or "right" and a number of steps they should take. Play as time allows. At the end of the game, ask:*

**How did it feel to not know where you were going?**

**Have you ever been in a situation where you had to trust God to lead you?**

**| PRAYER |**

Let's pause for a moment and talk to God. Think back to the, "I am..." statements you wrote down earlier (*You can also tell the kids to retrieve their papers, if you'd like*). When we pray, call out a few of the words you wrote down when I tell you to.