

KS1 - Unit 3, Lesson 4 - King David - don't judge by appearances

Context: Having introduced the Bible, we go on to look at some Jewish stories from the Tenakah (Old Testament).

Overview: The story of King David shows how God does not care about what we look like, but what we are like as people.

Essential core: Salvation - Know that the Christian Holy book is called the Bible, and that it is divided into two parts – Old Testament (which Christians share with Judaism – Jesus was a Jew) and New Testament.

God - Christians find out about what God is like and how he wants people to live from the Bible.

Resources: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVUCz1AhLZM>

INTRODUCTION:

Tell a story about two children. One has all the coolest things, and wears the coolest clothes - but is selfish and unkind. The other is just ordinary, but is always thoughtful and kind. Ask the children, "which of them would you want to be your best friend?"

Draw out the point - it is not what you **look** like but what you **are** like as a person that matters most.

BUILD UP:

When our queen was crowned the Archbishop of Canterbury anointed her with oil. It is an ancient sign of someone being chosen to be king or queen.

Tell the story of the prophet Samuel choosing David to be king. The Bible, 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

This Holy Tales cartoon video also tells the story, although you may wish to skip over the introductory first minute. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVUCz1AhLZM>

This story says that what we look like on the outside really does not matter. What does matter is what we look like on the inside. David went on to be Israel's greatest king because he wanted to do what was fair and right.

"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

TASK:

You may go on to teach the children to sing this Christian Children's song (If you're black or if you're white) and talk together about what the words are saying. "No matter what you look like, no matter what you do, God loves you." You could follow this up by asking the children to draw a picture showing that God cares about everyone/ everyone matters.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJt2gOjpwPE>

Or, instead, you may wish to do this.

Show the children a mirror. A mirror shows us how we look on the outside.

Perhaps the Bible helps show people what they look like on the inside. How?

Here are some words from the New Testament of the Bible. They are saying that these things make a person beautiful - inside. It is asking us to try to be like this. What kind of things does a person who is like this do?

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23

You might like to give the children blank paper leaves and ask them each to draw a picture on one of these different kinds of "fruit" in action. They can then stick them on a large sheet of paper to make a collage of the Fruits of the Spirit.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

What does this story say about worrying about what people think about how we look? How can we be beautiful on the inside?