The Heart is What Matters

1 Samuel 16:1-13

"How sad," thought Samuel, the prophet. "King Saul has rejected God. Now, his family can't continue leading Israel."

King Saul tried to impress the people, but he didn't obey God. So God sent Samuel to anoint a new king.

Samuel went to Bethlehem to meet the sons of Jesse. When Samuel saw the oldest son, Eliab, he thought, "He's good looking and tall. This must be the one!"

"No, not him," God said, "Man looks at the outside, but God looks at what's inside a person -- their heart."

Jesse presented seven of his sons, but none of them was the one. So Samuel asked if there were any more. Jesse explained his youngest son was out in the fields with the sheep.

"Bring him. We won't eat until he's here," said Samuel.

They called the youngest son, David, and presented him to Samuel.

"This is the one," God told Samuel. "Anoint him."

When Samuel anointed David, the Spirit of God came on him. Many years later and after many hard times, David did become king over all Israel. He was the most famous of all the Kings of Israel, but one day a new King from Bethlehem is coming. He will become the King of the World. His name is Jesus Christ.

