

**Summary:** Saul disobeys God twice; God chooses David to be the next king

**Read Before:** 1 Samuel 13:5-14; 15; 16:1-13; Patriarchs and Prophets p627-642; The Bible Story V3, p174-176; 182-192

**Aim:** 1. God wants obedience more than anything else. 2. God sees what is inside us. 3. What is inside us is more important than the outside.

1. *What do I already know?* ☒ Listen / Talk ☐ See ☐ Do

**Glue Christmas or gift paper onto the back of pictures of things that might be given as presents. Show the papered sides, two at a time and get the children to choose one by pointing, putting up their hands or moving to that side of the room. The show them what is inside and see who wants to swap.**

**Say:** You can't always tell what's in a present, you have to wait and see when you open it. Today we have two stories and in both of them, God can see things that the people can't see.

2. *Tell story / give facts.* ☐ Listen / Talk ☒ See ☐ Do

**Tell story with felts, actions, movie, or with the Bible Story DVD**

3. *Review / how does it apply today?* ☐ Listen / Talk ☐ See ☒ Do

**Say:** People can look very nice on the outside, but what is most important is what is on the inside; and God knows exactly what is on the inside. God knows why people do the things they do; He knows if they really love Him and want to obey Him.

**Craft:** Empty Gifts (Can be used as Christmas tree ornaments)

**Say:** Our craft today is to make some little gifts; they look very nice on the outside but not on the inside.

4. *What can this become / what can we do?* ☒ Listen / Talk ☐ See ☐ Do

**Say:** We can be like David, who, although he was only young, loved and obeyed God with all his heart. Or we can be like Saul, whose heart became proud and didn't want to obey God anymore. Pray that we will have a heart like David did.

### **To Do List**

#### **Print:**

- ☐ A MV colouring page for each child
- ☐ A program list for each teacher
- ☐ Gifts.pdf onto card, cut apart and tape or glue gift wrapping paper onto the backs

#### **Have:**

- ☐ Gift paper or coloured contact to wrap boxes
- ☐ Sticky tape, scissors
- ☐ Craft ribbon (to curl on the top of the boxes (for younger children, have the ribbon pre-cut and curled.