



David's Call

Welcome (Parents and Carers asked to stay until after the Pilots Prayer)

Welcome back to Friends on Faith Adventures. We are looking forward to going on a journey and nobody knows where we will end up. All we know is we have got our crate filled with adventure and an open path ahead. So, hold on tight and enjoy the ride!!

Let's hear about FOFA bear and FOFA cam's adventures this week and how everyone got on with the Walking the Way challenge. (Encourage everyone, including parents and carers, to join in.)

The Pilots Prayer

Lord help us to be:

Prepared for adventure

In all we do.

Loving and caring,

Open to others

Together as one community

Sharing the love of Jesus on our way.

Amen

Fun Together

Game 1: Leader of the Band

What you need: A circle of chairs

Get the children to sit around in a circle either on chairs or on the floor. Send one of the children out of the room. Whilst the child is out of the room select a "BAND LEADER": the aim of this person is to select an imaginary instrument to play (e.g. Trombone, Guitar, Trumpet etc). Once the child has started playing their imaginary instrument, the rest of the "THE BAND" (the other children) pretend to play the same instrument. Then invite the child who was outside back into the room.

The aim of the game is for the "BAND LEADER" to change the instrument that the band plays without the watcher spotting them.



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Game 2: Line up

What you need: Nothing

Get the children to stand in a line. The aim of the game is for the group to line up in a specific order without anyone speaking. There can be a number of different topics that you could use, for example:

Age order

Favourite colour order (rainbow colour order – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)

Shoe size order

Height order

Order of birth month

Etc

Game 3: David says

What you need: Nothing

This is the same as Simon says but just that it is David that is calling the shots in this game.

The leader calls out a series of instructions (e.g. hands on head, wiggle your foot etc) and models the action. If the leader prefaces the instruction with “David says...”, the children follow the instruction. If the leader omits to say “David says...”, the children should ignore the action and anybody doing it is then out.

If you want to make it a little more difficult you could use the names of Jesse's other sons they were Eliab, Abinadab, Shamea, Nethanel, Raddai and Ozem, But David is the only one that they should follow.



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The Big Story : David's Call – 1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13

Today's theme is **God doesn't always choose the biggest, bravest or strongest**

What you will need:

- Some paddles or cards with scores on numbered 1 to 10 (like strictly come dancing)
- Table and three chairs
- Name labels with Eliab, Abinadab, Shammah, Nethanel, Raddai, Ozem and David's names on them.
- A big sign saying "the next big king"
- Pretend/real microphone
- Bow tie

Reader 1: So today we are going to hear about how God chose a new king of Israel

Reader 2: Oh had the old one died? That's sad!

Reader 1: No, the old one had gone rogue and had not listened to what God wanted him to do. His name was Saul. God was so unhappy with him that he sent his faithful servant Samuel out to choose a new king.

Reader 2: Ooooh Would Samuel have wanted to do that? It sounds a bit risky!

Reader 1: No. Samuel wasn't too happy about this. He liked Saul and really didn't want to choose a new king, but he also didn't want to make the same mistake as Saul and disobey God. God told him to stop moping around and get on with it.

Reader 2: That sounds like my dad!

Reader 1: God sent Samuel to see a man called Jesse who lived in Bethlehem. Jesse had 7 sons.

Reader 2: I bet there was a queue for the bathroom every morning at their house!

Reader 1: Quite! Samuel went to Jesse and asked to see his sons so that he could choose which one God wanted to be the next king of Israel

Reader 2: Cool this sound like a new talent show! In fact ...

(Get the score paddles and the sign out of the bag. Stick the sign on the front of the table. Then choose three children to be judges and give them the score paddles)

Reader 1: What are you doing?



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Reader 2: I'm creating a game show! *(take out microphone and put on bow tie. Act as if you are a game show host)* Welcome everyone to the newest fun game show "The Next Big King". Here we are in Bethlehem and today we are going to find the next big king!! So we have our seven contestants who will battle it out to be "The next big king"

Reader 1: Really!?

Reader 2: So judges, all you need to do is work out who is the biggest, strongest, oldest, wisest, handsomest brother of them all, to be "The next big King". You will score from 1 to 5.

So, without further ado ,contestant number 1 is Eliab. He is Jesse's first born son: strong, good looking, fights in the Israelites army, the ultimate warrior. *(Hold Eliab's arms up to show his muscles and do this for all the brothers except for David)*. Judges, your scores please.

(Get children to hold up scores)

Well, that seems to be it. Eliab will be the next king

Reader 1: NOPE, I'm afraid God said no!

Reader 2: Oh, Well that's ok as we have Abinadab the second born. He's just as handsome, has less to do as he doesn't have the "first son" responsibilities, he's a great people person, a good soldier and very strong. So, your scores please... *(Get children to hold up scores)*

Reader 1: NOPE, I'm afraid God said no again!

Reader 2: Ok so, Shammah, the third of Jesse's sons, is the next in line: a great man loved by all his brothers, respected by his father, strong as an ox *(Get children to hold up scores)*

Reader 1: The big man said no.

Reader 2: Nathaniel then. Now with his muscles and stunning good looks, he had to be it? *(Get children to hold up scores)*

Reader 1: Nope

Reader 2: Raddia? What a stunner! The ultimate physique... *(Look at reader 1)*

Reader 1: *(shakes head at reader 2)*

Reader 2: Well that only leaves Ozem. I guess God was looking for strong and young...

Reader 1: Nope, not him either.



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Reader 2: Well, that is all the strong suitable brothers. There is only scrawny little David left - you know, the runt of the family. There is no way God could want him. He is only little, looks after the sheep...

Reader 1: When David was brought in, God told Samuel, "This is the one!" There and then, in front of all David's brothers, Samuel took out a pot of oil and poured some on David's head, which is the way they used to anoint a king. At that point David was filled with God's spirit.

Reader 2: Seriously, have you seen these brothers? God had the choice of all these masterpieces of muscle but instead he chose the little shepherd boy. He wouldn't even have scored a one from our judges.

Reader 1: Well David was the one God wanted to do his work.

Reader 2: I wonder what it is like to be chosen like that?

Creative Adventure

You will need:

- Stick-on acrylic mirrors <https://www.bakerross.co.uk/acrylic-mirrors#productinformation>
- Stiff card cut into shapes to match mirrors, big enough to leave about 1.5 cm around the edge
- Materials to decorate including Sharpies
- Sellotape
- Ribbon

Peel the protective layer off the back of the mirror and stick it into the middle of a piece of card of the same shape, leaving approx. 1.5 cm at each edge.

Decorate the "frame" of the mirror – including the words "God chose you" and some words that emphasise the gifts you have from God. It may be good for different members of the group to suggest some words each child could use, recognising what it is about that child that is special (e.g. good friend, kind, smart, prayerful, good leader etc). Between these words you could colour or spread glitter or stick sequins or draw pictures etc.

Sellotape a loop of ribbon on the back of the mirror to hang it up with.

(Please note: glitter, even so-called biodegradable glitter, can be a pollutant. If your children wish to use glitter, you may prefer to use edible glitter, which has the added advantage of being edible, of course!)



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Wondering questions to use during creative time:

I wonder what God saw in David?

I wonder what God might see in you?

I wonder what David's brothers thought about him being chosen to be king?

The Adventure Map

Explain the Adventure Map and how a lot of the books were written hundreds and thousands of years before Jesus came to Earth. However, a lot of the stories in the Bible before the birth of Jesus, talk of his coming and set out how God wants us to live our lives.

Take the young people to the Adventure Map that you have created on the wall. Get the children to find where on the Map today's story came from. Choose one or some of the things created by the children to be photographed and attach this to the wall to create a visual reminder of where the story came from and your adventure together. The aim is that in a year you will have lots of reminders of the stories and where in the Bible they come from. Use a piece of string or ribbon to connect the photo of the craft work to the book of the Bible.

Walking the Way

This is a time to invite the parents and carers back in to share what the children have been up to during the session. They will also be here to hear about the Walking the Way challenge and the tasks (should they choose to accept them) that the children (and parents) are about to undertake.

For the Younger: FOFA the bear

This is FOFA. FOFA likes nothing more than to go on an adventure; FOFA is a little more adventurous than me. FOFA believes that faith is a journey and that's why FOFA would love to take you on a journey with him and walk the way of God in our everyday lives. Each session FOFA would like to go home with one of you and add to FOFA's scrapbook of things you do together. FOFA doesn't mind if you draw a picture of what you have done, take a photograph or just write a story about it. FOFA also doesn't mind if you just come and tell the rest of us what you got up to together. But because FOFA's memory isn't very good as FOFA's brains are made of stuffing, it would be better to save the memories in the book if



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you can. At the end of our time together we can always remember the great adventures we have been on together with FOFA and hopefully you will walk a little closer with God.

For the Older: FOFA cam

This camera is your window on the world. You have one shot at this, so choose carefully. You will be given a very precious piece of equipment – a FOFA cam. You have one photo to take with the camera, that records one thing – a way you have met the challenge. If there are other people in the photo, please ask their permission first and explain this photo will be put on display here. Bring back the camera and your photo next time to share your moment - and remember you only have ONE shot at this!

Every time we will choose someone to take FOFA bear and someone to take FOFA cam to help them with the challenge – but we can all have a go at the challenge!

Our Walking the Way Challenge this time is: Think of someone you know who is or could be a good leader and tell them so

Adventurers Go!

So, today's story was about David being chosen by God to be king, even though he wasn't the biggest or strongest of his brothers and helps us know that God may surprise us when choosing someone to do God's work.

Prayers (choose one/both)

Spoken Prayer

God of surprises, you sometimes see in us more than we expect and ask us to do things just for you.

Help us to believe in ourselves when you choose us.

Help us to encourage others when we think they can do good things for you.

Keep us trusting in you every day.

Amen



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Active Prayer

Samuel blessed David. We are going to bless our leaders.

All children gather around each leader in turn and put their hands so that they are touching the leader on the arms, back, shoulder or head or clothing. Ask for a volunteer to say or shout "**God bless.....**" and the name of the leader, and then the whole group says or shouts it together. Then move to the next leader and do the same. When every leader has been blessed, stand in a circle holding hands and say "**God bless all of us. Amen**"

End Prayer Every Session: Altogether

We are Friends on Faith Adventures, travelling together with God.

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Location	Possible hazard	Action required	Action taken	Signature
Prayer	Wool may create a trip hazard	Clear wool away as soon as the activity is finished.	Responsible adult to supervise	
Craft	Sharpies may get colour onto clothing	Provide aprons for those who need them.	Responsible adult to supervise.	