Wonder@Home

In God's Big Story

God chooses Jesse's son, David, as Israel's next king and reminds the Israelites through the prophet Isaiah that the Promised One—a branch from Jesse's family tree—will one day come and change everything.

Elementary Wonder Truth: God Sees Beyond What We See

Early Childhood Wonder Truth: God Sees the Big Picture

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16; Isaiah 11

WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



JESSE AND DAVID

ELEMENTARY VIDEO

EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO

WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our motions video or this video to help you!

ELEMENTARY:

The Lord Himself will give you a sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel.
—Isaiah 7:14 (NIrV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

And he will be called Immanuel.
—from Isaiah 7:14b

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What's one thing you're learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

WORSHIP@HOME

Listen and watch from our worship playlists any time!

EXPERIENCE MORE WONDER@HOME ONLINE!

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What's good about the fact that God sees beyond what we see?
- Jesse and David's family had to wait a long time for Jesus—the Promised One—to come. Have you ever waited a long time for something you hoped for? Tell about it.
- When we can't see what's next, how can our family trust in God's plan?

CREATE IT!

My Family Tree

In God's big story, Isaiah prophesies that "Jesse's family is like a tree that has been cut down." Isaiah also says, "A new little tree will grow from its stump. From its roots a Branch will grow and produce fruit" (Isaiah 11:1 NIrV). Jesse and David's family tree would grow even after being cut down, and from it would come a very special branch—Jesus!

Jesus' birth not only changed the Israelites, but also it changed everything for the entire world! God sees beyond what we see. God can work through our family in big and powerful ways too!

Use a piece of posterboard and a marker to illustrate your family tree. Begin at the top with your immediate family and work your way through your family lineage, filling in as much as you can. Consider calling older family members to get family information from them. Then circle the names of people in your family tree whom God has worked through or for whom God has done something incredible.

How is our family changed by what God has done for us?

HANDS ON

Oil and Water Color Burst

Fill a jar ¾ full with water. Pour a bit of vegetable oil into a small cup and put a few drops of four different colors of food coloring into the oil, then stir. Invite your child to pour the oil into the water and watch for a few minutes as the colors make bursts in the water.

As you watch, talk about how Samuel used oil on Davd's head to show that God had a special job for David, which is called anointing. **The oil in the experiment did something unexpected. The oil in the story represented a special job for an unexpected person—a young shepherd boy who was chosen to be king over Israel. God doesn't see what we see. God sees the big picture.** While looking at the color bursts, pray and thank God for seeing the big picture.