Preschool–Grade 5

Samuel Anoints David Craft

A heart with Samuel's horn of oil · 1 Samuel 16:7, 13 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



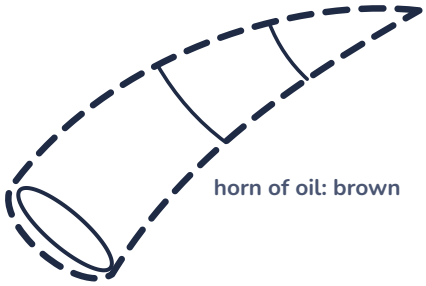
Harder

Both levels are a big red heart with a white oval window where a child has drawn David, the youngest son, who kept the sheep (1 Samuel 16:11). A brown horn is glued on the top right of the heart, and three yellow drops of oil fall from it to the window: "Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him" (16:13). Medium (left): the heart, the horn and the oil. Harder (right): a white sheep at the bottom left of the heart and a brown harp at the bottom right (16:11, 16:23).

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✂ Cut on the dashed lines



horn of oil: brown

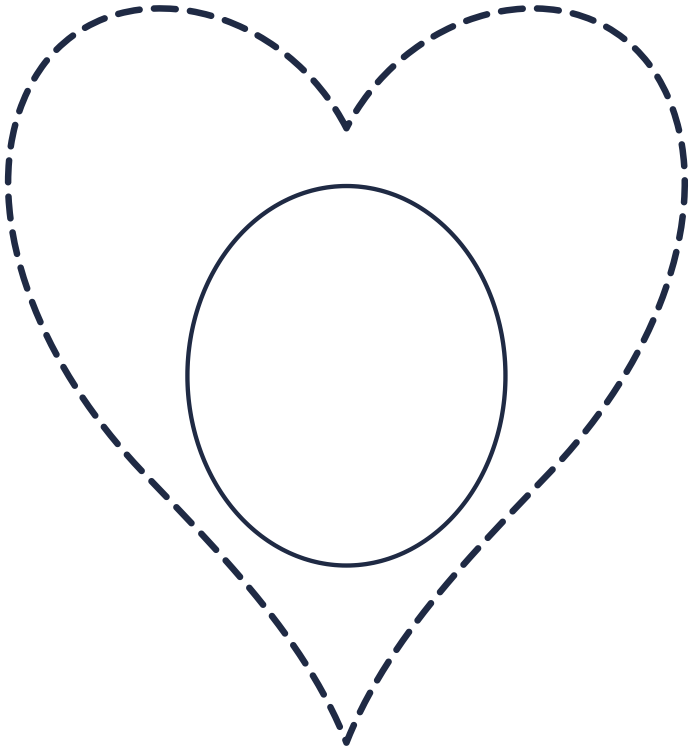


3 oil drops: yellow

verse card: glue it on the back

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV)



heart: red. Leave the window white and draw David in it.

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the heart, the horn, the three oil drops and the verse card.

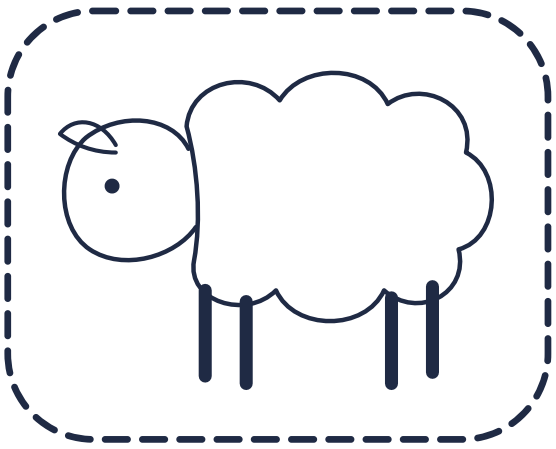
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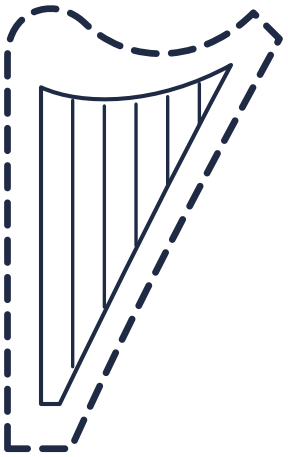
✂ Harder level

Sheep and harp (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines.



sheep: leave the wool white,
color the face and legs black



harp: color the frame brown

glue the sheep at the bottom left of the heart and the harp at the bottom right

How to add the sheep and the harp

1. Make the heart with the horn of oil from page 2 first.
2. Leave the sheep's wool white and color its face and legs black. Color the harp's frame brown. Cut out both pieces on the dashed lines.
3. Glue the sheep at the bottom left of the heart, so it peeks out past the edge: David "keepeth the sheep" (1 Samuel 16:11).
4. Glue the harp at the bottom right of the heart the same way: David "took an harp, and played with his hand" (16:23).
5. Say it together: "and the LORD is with him" (16:18).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/david-anointed-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), red, brown and yellow crayons or markers, crayons for drawing David, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a black crayon.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the heart, the horn, the three oil drops and the verse card ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color the heart red, the horn brown and the drops yellow, and draw David in the window. Then they glue the horn and the drops on the heart with your help, and you help them glue the verse card on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw David, cut out the pieces and glue them on the heart themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the heart like the medium level. Then add the sheep and the harp from page 3 at the bottom of the heart (16:11, 16:23). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the heart red, but leave the oval window white. Color the horn brown and the three oil drops yellow.
2. **Draw:** in the window, draw David, the youngest son, who kept the sheep (1 Samuel 16:11).
3. **Cut:** cut out the heart, the horn, the three oil drops and the verse card on the dashed lines.
4. **Horn:** glue the horn on the top of the right side of the heart, with its open end pointing down toward the window. God said, "fill thine horn with oil, and go" (16:1).
5. **Oil:** glue the three oil drops in a line from the open end of the horn down to the top of the window: "Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him" (16:13).
6. **Verse:** glue the verse card on the back of the heart and read it together.

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the horn. What did God tell Samuel to fill it with? *(Oil, 1 Samuel 16:1)* Where did God send him? *(To Jesse the Bethlehemite, 16:1)*
- Which son did Samuel look on first? *(Eliab, 16:6)*
- Point to the heart. What does the LORD look on? *("The LORD looketh on the heart," 16:7)*
- How many of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel? *(Seven, 16:10)*
- Point to the window. Where was David when Samuel asked, "Are here all thy children?" *(Keeping the sheep, 16:11)*
- Point to the oil drops. What did Samuel do with the horn of oil? *(He anointed David "in the midst of his brethren," 16:13)* What came upon David from that day forward? *(The Spirit of the LORD, 16:13)*
- Harder level: what did David play for King Saul? *(An harp, 16:23)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **horn** here is an animal's horn, hollow inside, used to hold oil; to **anoint** is to pour oil on someone to show God chose him; **countenance** means face; **stature** means how tall someone is; **refused** means did not choose; **seeth** means sees; **looketh** means looks; the **outward appearance** is what someone looks like on the outside; **keepeth the sheep** means takes care of the sheep.
- **What the Bible says:** the Bible does not say what Samuel's horn looked like or how much oil was in it, so the template draws a simple animal horn. There is no crown in 1 Samuel 16; David was anointed, but he did not become king that day. Seven of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel (16:10), and David was the youngest (16:11).
- **No one is drawn on the template:** Samuel, Jesse and the brothers are not drawn. Each child draws David in the window. The Bible says he was "ruddy," which means rosy and healthy (16:12).
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Help them glue the horn so its open end points at the window. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Samuel anoints David lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/david-anointed.

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