

3s/4s**NOVEMBER 1, 2026****KEY QUESTION:****WHO LOVES ME NO MATTER WHAT?****BIG IDEA:****GOD LOVES ME NO MATTER WHAT.****VERSE OF THE MONTH:****“NOTHING... CAN EVER SEPARATE US FROM GOD’S LOVE.” ROMANS 8:39****BIBLE STORY:****GOD CHOOSES DAVID – 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13****OVERVIEW****Centers****Large Group****Circle Time****Table Time****Play Time**

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FLOOR CENTER

CROWN RACE

In this activity, we'll race to decorate a crown with jewel stickers. Today we'll hear about David being crowned king.

Supplies:

1. "Crown Race – Jewel Stickers" Activity Page (2–3 sheets, printed on OL1025 labels)
2. Paper crowns (2 per service hour)

How-To:

1. Line up the children into two teams.
2. Give a crown to the first child in each line. Place a set of jewel stickers on the floor on the opposite side of the room, directly across from each team.
3. The first child in line will run to the stickers, add a jewel to the crown, and race back to their team with the crown.
4. After passing the crown to the next child in line, they'll return to the back of the line.
5. The last child to have a turn will run to place the crown on the Small Group Leader's head.

Say This:

Before the Activity:

Everyone, let's line up into two teams! I have a super fun game for us to play. I'm going to pretend to be a king, but I need help decorating my crown! *(Give a crown to each team.)* I need you to race, one at a time, with your team's crown over to those jewel stickers *(point)*, add a jewel to the crown, and race back to the line so the next friend can go. Once everyone adds a jewel to their team's crown, the last person will run over to me and place the crown on my head! But you have to hurry! Who do you think will win?

During the Activity:

On your mark, get set, go! *(Each child races to the jewels, adds one to their team's crown, and runs back, repeating until everyone has a turn.)* Okay, *(child's name)*, run, run, run to put that crown on me so I can be the king! Great job!

After the Activity:

What a beautiful crown! Today we're going to hear about someone who became a real king.

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CIRCLE TIME

What You Need:

1. Bible
2. Stickers

Say This:

Prompt the children to remember what they learned in The Playhouse. Celebrate when they remember!

- God told Samuel it was time for a new (*king*).
- Samuel went to Jesse’s house to meet all eight of his (*sons*).
- The new king God chose was (*David*).
- God loved David no matter what, and God loves me no matter (*what*).

Practice the Verse:

Open the Bible to remind the children that our verse comes from the Bible.

Are you ready to practice our Bible verse? (*Let children respond.*) Okay, let’s all say it together.

“Nothing can ever separate us (*make “X” arms and swipe down twice*) from God’s (*point up*) love (*hug self*)” Romans 8:39. (*Open hands like a book.*)

Now, who wants to try saying it by yourself? (*Reward each child with a sticker for saying the verse.*)

Talk About It:

God chose David to be the new king because David was kind and loving and loved God. God loved David no matter what, and God loves us no matter what. Who are some other people that God loves? (*Help the children think of people God loves. Examples might be their neighbors, their grandparents, or their friends at school.*)

Let’s pray and thank God for loving us no matter what.

Pray:

Dear God, thank you for loving us just like you loved David. Help us remember that you love (*talk about the people you discussed*) no matter what. We love you, God. Amen.

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TABLE TIME

DAVID'S CROWN

Supplies:

1. "David's Crown" Activity Page (1 label per child, printed on OL875 labels)
2. "David's Crown – Jewel Stickers" Activity Page (multiple sheets, printed on OL1025 labels)
3. Paper crowns (1 per child)
4. Tissue paper confetti (various colors)
5. Crayons or markers
6. Glue sticks

Note: Children will wear crowns for Play Time activity.

How-To:

1. Give each child a crown.
2. Help them add a label to the center of their crown.
3. Encourage them to color and decorate their crown with stickers and confetti.

Say This:

Before the Activity:

Today we heard about God choosing a new...KING! That's right. Who did God choose? (*Let children respond.*) David! God loved David no matter what, and God loves YOU no matter what! Let's make a crown to help us remember that.

During the Activity:

First, we'll help you put this label on your crown. It says, [Big Idea] **"God loves me no matter what!"** After adding the label, you can add jewel stickers, and glue confetti to your crown. You can color it too! (*Assist the children with decorating and assembling their crowns.*)

After the Activity:

Great job decorating your crowns. Now, place your crown on your head. Whoa! You look like kings and queens! Every time you wear your crown, I hope it helps you remember that God loves you no matter what!