

David Anointed as King Script

Characters: The Lord, Teacher/Narrator, Samuel, Jesse, Eliab (*non-speaking*), Abinadab (*non-speaking*), Shammah (*non-speaking*), David (*non-speaking; stays at the back of the room until his brothers come to get him.*)

The Lord: (*Speaking to Samuel.*) Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons. Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.

Narrator: So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said...

All: Do you come peaceably?

Samuel: (*Speaking to Jesse and his sons.*) Yes. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.

Narrator: Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab.

(Eliab walks past Samuel.)

Samuel: Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him!

The Lord: Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Samuel: (*Speaking to Jesse.*) This son is not the one.

Jesse: Hmmmm. Abinadab, pass before Samuel.

(Abinadab walks past Samuel.)

Samuel: (*Looks at Abinadab then up at God.*) Neither has the Lord chosen this one.

Jesse: Humph. Shammah, you try. Pass before Samuel.

(Shammah walks past Samuel.)

Samuel: *(Looking at Shammah then up at God.)* Neither has the Lord chosen this one.

Narrator: Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel in this way.

Samuel: *(Puzzled.)* No. The Lord has not chosen any of these. *(He points to all the sons.)*
Are all the young men here?

Jesse: Well there is still the youngest. He's out keeping the sheep.

Samuel: Send for him. We will not sit down till he gets here.

(The sons go to get David and bring him back. David appears. He is confused and looks around.)

Narrator: So Jesse sent for him and brought him in. Now this son was ruddy, with bright eyes. He was good-looking.

(Samuel walks over to the young man, looks him over, then looks up at the Lord.)

The Lord: Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!

(Samuel looks at Jesse, nods, then looks back at David and nods.)

Narrator: Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.

(Samuel has David kneel down and pretends to pour a vial of oil over David's head.)