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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1486 ~ David anointed by Samuel.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

A young man who had just finished high school went with his mother to do some volunteer work for a missionary organisation. His job entailed wiping over second hand New Testaments and preparing them for posting overseas. After a while, the young man became bored with this necessary but menial task. Because he didn't persevere and finish cleaning the whole batch of books in the box, he missed out on discovering and being given a special New Testament. On the back cover, this one had a miniature painting by a famous Australian Christian artist.

Another young man of similar age some three thousand years ago, had a flock of sheep to look after out in the countryside. He too, could have let himself become bored and disinterested in his job. But he did not. Besides being diligent in his care of his sheep, he spent time composing songs to God. Many of these songs are recorded in the Bible in the book of Psalms and are a great comfort to readers in times of trouble and distress.

This young man's name was David, which means "beloved." As the eighth and youngest son of Jesse, David was born in Bethlehem and considered to be a type of God's beloved Son. In our story today, David was called from looking after sheep to meet with the most important person in Israel, elderly Samuel.

Samuel's life was drawing to a close. He was continually distressed by the behaviour of King Saul and how he was causing the Israelites to sin. Saul had changed from being a humble person to becoming obsessed with his own importance and position. When God rejected Saul from being king, Samuel mourned for him. Because Saul had so lost his respect for other people, Samuel was afraid Saul would kill him if Saul knew Samuel was anointing a new king.

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When Samuel arrived in Bethlehem, the elders of the town were uneasy about his visit. Do some people make you feel uncomfortable by their very presence? A person who lives very close to God brings a sense of God's Holy Spirit with them. This atmosphere of holiness causes other people to feel conviction of sin even though the person, who in this case was Samuel, had not spoken any word of rebuke or condemnation.

Samuel told the town elders to consecrate themselves and come to the sacrifice. He also called Jesse and asked for his sons to come. As soon as Samuel saw Jesse's first son, he thought he would be the chosen one to be the next king. After all, Israel's first king Saul had been handsome and taller than all the other young men. But God told Samuel not to take note of how good looking he was. God had rejected him because God could see what was in his heart.

In families at that time, the oldest male child was considered more important than the rest of the children and given a double portion of the inheritance, while the youngest was considered the least important in the family. Remember how Gideon said he was the least in his family and found it hard to accept that God had chosen him to lead the people. David was the least in Jesse's family, so he wasn't even invited to be with the rest of the family for this special occasion.

Jesse presented his other six sons to Samuel. But God had rejected them all. Samuel wanted to know if there were any more children and David's name was mentioned. Samuel urged Jesse to ask David to come. So important was it for David to be there, that they would wait for him before they ate any food. And as soon as David arrived, God told Samuel to anoint him. Samuel did this in front of his brothers. The Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that time on.

Samuel returned to his home now that his job was done. How would a young shepherd get from the fields to the throne? That was not Samuel's responsibility; God would see to this. The anointing of the next king of Israel, however, was kept secret from Saul.

When we meet somebody for the first time, we can make a mistake in our character judgment of them. Just like Samuel, we can be fooled by appearances. God is looking for faith, love and respect for Himself planted in the heart, which is beyond human discernment.

The story is told of a pretty young woman who corresponded for years with a soldier on the battlefield during World War II. She had never seen him and he did not know what she looked like either. There was talk of marriage plans when the soldier returned home. So they agreed to meet on a certain railway station. The lady would wear a white rose to identify herself. As a test of his character, however, the young woman unpinned the rose from her coat and asked a wrinkled, unfashionably dressed old lady to wear it. If a young soldier spoke to the old lady about the rose, the message to be given was that the young woman would be waiting across the road in an eating house. He did speak kindly to the old lady and she relayed the special message to him.

God is far more interested in developing character in us than in what we can do for Him. This was Saul's mistake. Our heart attitude is more important than the gifts we can give Him.

Whether you are the oldest or the youngest in your family, God wants to have a loving relationship with you. This can only come through your belief that the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, made it possible for your shortcomings to be forgiven. Ask Him and then seek first His will in everything.

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That was Bob Ayala singing "He Has Told You."

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