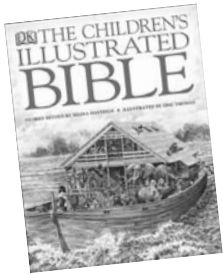


Ordinary Time, Proper 6



The Children's Illustrated Bible

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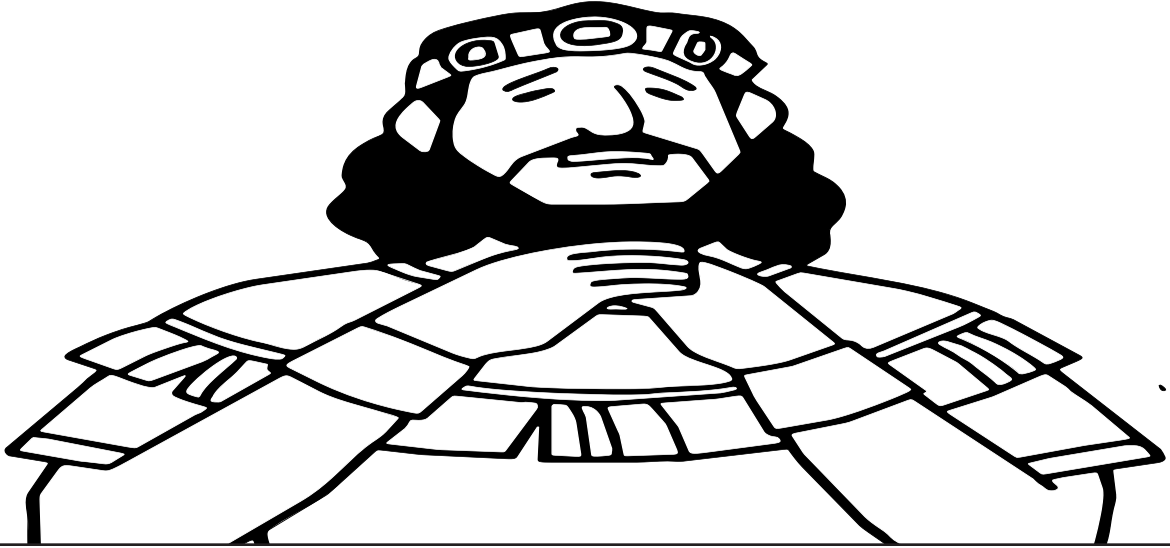
Be Anointed!

Samuel is looking for the one who will succeed Saul. It is a dangerous duty that Samuel has been assigned, so he concocts a cover story about sacrificing a heifer and goes to see Jesse in Bethlehem. His cover story works, and he calls upon Jesse to present his sons, for one is to be anointed. And so the progression begins. The Lord tells Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." And so Eliab, Abinadab, and Shammah all come before Samuel, but none was chosen. In fact, Jesse brought all seven of his sons to pass before Samuel, but none were chosen and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." And Samuel asks, "Are these all of your sons?" Jesse says, "No, there is one more, but he is tending the sheep." Even Jesse, the father, is sure that his young son, the one who is tending the sheep at that very moment, can't be the one. But God has another plan; for when that sheep-tending boy enters, God says, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." And there we meet him, too; and finally, after his anointing, we discover that his name is David, the one who will become the great king, "and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward."



New Creation

In II Corinthians, it states that we are all new creations if we are in Christ. Have the students look at themselves in a mirror and draw a picture of them self on paper. Once everyone has drawn a picture of themself, have them trade with someone in class and have the new artist add decorations such as ribbons, glitter, and construction paper to make the picture a "new creation!"



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Write what you think it means to be anointed and draw a picture of someone being anointed.