



# God Talk At Home

**This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:**

A Review –A Man after God's Own Heart

**Take Home Point:**

God is looking for someone after his own heart.

## Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What activities did you do with hearts today? *(Kids, as a group, tried to lasso a balloon heart to demonstrate what kind of leaders God is looking for...men, women and children after God's own heart. They also made a paper mache heart to symbolize their hearts "conformed" to God's.)*

## God Time at Home

*Select questions and adapt for your family.*

**FOR STARTERS:** Imagine that Jesus said to you, "Tomorrow take the day off. I'm going to go (home, to school or work) for you. I'll be there in your place." What are some of things you think that Jesus would do? How do you think you would feel if he did those things? Today, we'll talk about what it means to be someone that has a heart like God's. The Bible calls it someone "after God's own heart." When we have Jesus living in our lives, we can have a heart of loving service like him.

**READ THE BIBLE:** 1 Samuel

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 13:22, *"(God) said, 'I have found that David, son of Jesse, is a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'"*

**TALK ABOUT IT:** Describe Samuel's calling from God. *(1 Samuel 3:4-9. The priest Eli raised Samuel in the temple. One night, God called Samuel. He responded, "Speak, for your servant is listening.")* How was Samuel a different kind of leader than Eli's own sons? *(1 Samuel 2:12 Eli's sons were bad leaders.)* Do you think Samuel was a man after God's own heart?

After Samuel was a grown man and a prophet for the Israelites, the people asked for a king. Who did God choose as the first king? *(1 Samuel 9:17. Saul)* Do you think Saul was a man after God's own heart? Talk about Saul as king. What did he do that was good? What was not so good? *(Saul led the people to fight against the Philistines. But Saul also took things into his own hands and offered a sacrifice instead of waiting for the prophet Samuel. Saul again disobeyed God when he attacked and destroyed the Amalekites. Saul was not supposed to save anything, but he saved some of the best things for himself and his men. He later tried to blame it on his soldiers. He made excuses that these things would be used for sacrifice. Saul finally contacted a witch to find his future.)*

Since Saul did not follow God with his whole heart, whom did God choose to be the next king? *(1 Samuel 16:12-13 David, youngest son of Jesse from Bethlehem.)* Describe how David was a man after God's own heart. *(He was devoted to God and worshiped him with his whole heart. He was brave enough to fight Goliath because he was confident his God was bigger than any giant. David honored and respected King Saul even though he had been anointed as the next king and Saul was trying to kill him.)*

When has your heart not been "after God's heart?" *(When we disobey or don't care about what God wants.)* How does God help us get our hearts right again? *(When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, God gives us forgiveness and the desire to have hearts after his own heart.)*

**PRAYER POWER:** Have each family member pray for something that demonstrates they have a heart after God's own heart.

## Family Time Option

*One day this week, try...*

**FAMILY TIME OPTIONS:** Try to catch one another in the family doing things that are "after God's own heart." You might discuss this at dinnertime or at other times the family is together. This not only affirms one another, but also reminds us to let Jesus live through us and be people "after God's own heart."

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