



DAVID THE LORD'S CHOSEN ONE

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Saul the King of Israel sinned and lost favor with God. In response God sent Samuel to anoint a new King, the Lord's chosen one.

The Lord God said to Samuel: "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen a king from among his sons."

Samuel did as the Lord told him and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the town trembled at this coming and said: "Do you come peaceably?"

"Peaceably," he said, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Make yourselves ready and come with me to the sacrifice." He blessed Jesse and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked at Eliab and said: "Surely the Lord's chosen one is before him now."

But God answered, saying: "Do not look at his face or the height of him, because I have refused him. **For the Lord does not see as man sees. Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**"

Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel; but Samuel said: "The Lord has not chosen this one either."

Then Jesse made Shammah pass by and Samuel said: "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

One after the other Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse: "The Lord has not chosen these." Then he asked: "Are all your children here?"

And Jesse said: "There is still the youngest, David. He is keeping the sheep."

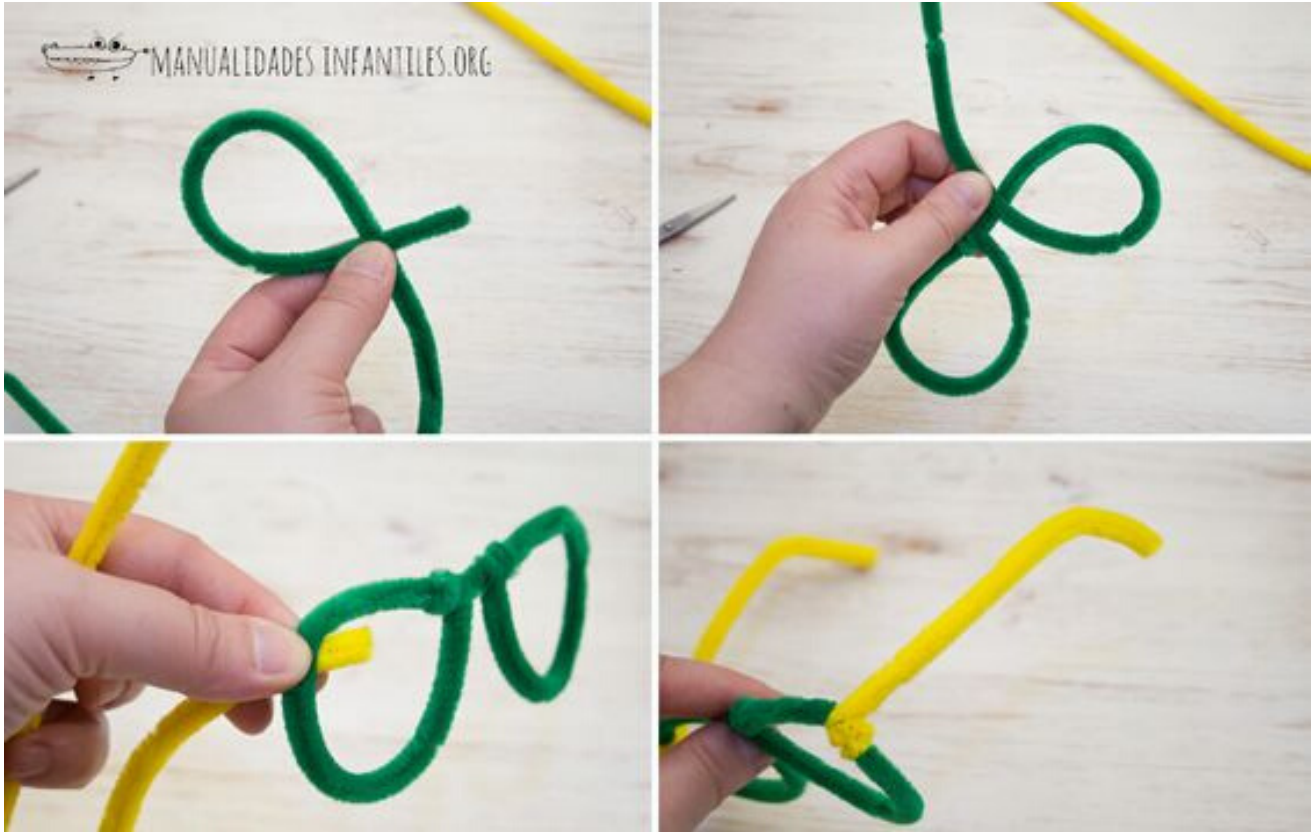
Samuel said to Jesse: "Send and fetch him here, for we will not sit down until he comes."

David was sent for, and soon appeared. He was a fine, healthy boy.

Then God said to Samuel: "Arise, and anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord was with David from that day on.

Looking with the eyes of God.
How does looking at a person's heart help us see
them differently?

Put together a pair of pipecleaner glasses for each person.



These are special glasses that help you see like God!

Before putting your glasses on, look at someone in your family and describe something you see about them with your eyes. (For example, their hair color, eye color, if they're tall, or such.) Then put on your special glasses that help you see like God!

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What do you see in their heart? Are they a kind person? Are they filled with joy? Is their heart happy or sad? What do you think God sees when He looks at them?