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God Knows You

God knows your heart better than ANYONE, because He created you! He doesn't just care about how you look and what other people see. He cares about what's INSIDE. In today's story, you'll meet two important people: Samuel and David. Samuel was a prophet, which means he heard from God, and then told others about it. Samuel loved God very much, and followed God with his whole heart. So God wanted Samuel to choose a king for the Israelites! That's a pretty important job!

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God chose David to be the new king. He was just a kid, like you! He was very young, and weaker than his brothers. Other people didn't think he was anything special. But here's what God says: 1 Samuel 16:7b ***"The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*** God doesn't just care about what's on our outsides. God cares what's on the inside too. That means He cares about what you think, and how you feel. He looks at your heart. And when God looked inside David's heart, He could tell that David would be a great king, because his heart was like God's heart. That means that he followed God, and loved Him! One day, when David was old enough, he became the king for God's family. And years and years later, another king came from David's family: JESUS! He came to the world as a king that would rule forever, and who would rescue us from all the wrong things in the world!

Do: Draw a self portrait. We all have things like hair, eyes, clothes, shoes, freckles, faces. Those are the things that regular people see! We also have special things about ourselves that we CAN'T see on the outside; like being kind, funny, loving, smart. Those are things that describe how we act, and what our heart is like. Draw or write some of what you are like on the inside of your picture too!

If God loves you for who you are, and knows your heart, then you can do the same for him! You can love him just like Samuel and David did: with all your heart, soul and mind. Matthew 22:37: ***'Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."***

Discuss: ● Why did God choose David? ● What did Samuel do to anoint David?
● Why does God know you so well? ● If God were talking about YOU, what would say?

Pray: God, you know me better than anyone. You know my heart. I love you so much. Help me to love you with all of my heart and soul and mind. Amen.