



MEANT TO BE

Elementary Bible Study



Lesson Truth:

We are all meant to be in God's family.

Bible Verse:

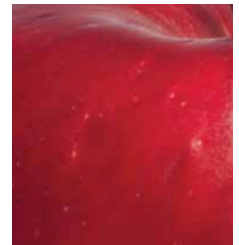
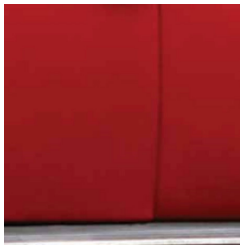
1 Corinthians 12:18 (NRSV) "But as it is, God arranged the members of the body, each one of them, as he chose."

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, you are the maker of us all. You love us and you want all of us to be a part of your family. Help us hear your word today. Help us listen. Bless us as we study and learn together. Amen.

Opening Thoughts

Do you know who created you? Do you know whose plan it was that you would have brown hair or green eyes? Did your parents get to pick out if you were going to be a boy or a girl or was that someone else's decision? That's right! God created you; it was his plan and he loves you very much!



Can you tell me what each picture above is?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What is it about each picture that makes you think it is what you think it is? Look at the answer key at the end of the lesson. How did you do?

What made the pictures hard to guess?

We were only given one characteristic, or part, of the picture. We did not see the whole thing!

This situation happens with people many times, too. Take David, for instance. Some people could not see all that David was meant to be because they only saw him as a little kid. Look it up in 1 Samuel!

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God Meant for David to be King

Read 1 Samuel 16:1

- The prophet Samuel was saddened by the fact that King Saul had stopped following God's plan. Because of his sinful ways, God and Samuel rejected him and his family as king. What did God tell Samuel to do?

Read 1 Samuel 16:6–7

- Why do you think Samuel thought that Eliab was the son God wanted to anoint, or name, king?
- What did God say to Samuel?
- What do you think it means to "look at the heart not the outward appearance."

Read 1 Samuel 16:10–11

- How many of Jesse's sons came to Samuel to see if they were to be the king?
- At first, David was not brought to Samuel. Where was he?

Read 1 Samuel 16:13

- How did Samuel let David's father and brothers know that David was chosen to be king?
- David was the youngest brother, and probably the smallest. He was the one they sent to watch the sheep. Even though David was these things, God had a plan. He knew what he meant David to be king!

God Meant for David to defeat Goliath

Read 1 Samuel 17:3–4

- The Israelites (God's chosen people) were on one side of the battle & the Philistines were on the other side of the battle. How tall was Goliath, the Philistines' champion?
- That is almost as tall as a basketball hoop and taller than most of your bedroom ceilings at home!

Read 1 Samuel 17:8–11

- Would you want to do battle against someone who was nine feet tall?

Read 1 Samuel 17:16, 32–33

- After 40 days, no one was willing to fight Goliath. Finally, David said that he would try it.
- What did King Saul say to David?

Read 1 Samuel 17:37

- David knew that he could trust God and his plan to make him king.

Read 1 Samuel 17:40, 45, 47

- Goliath had a sword, spear and a javelin to fight with; what did David have?
- Why did David pick something simple like stones to defeat Goliath? Who did he want to have credit for defeating the giant?

Read 1 Samuel 17:49

- David was a young boy, nowhere near nine feet tall, but he defeated Goliath with God's help.
- God meant for David to beat Goliath in battle.

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God has a plan for all of us. He knows what we are meant to be. He can see past the small things that others think about us and see the big plan for our lives.

- Do you know what a disability is? Do you know anyone with a disability?
- If I were a person who was blind, I could not see. But, what could I do?
- If I were a person who was deaf, I could not hear. But, what could I do?

God does not want us to look at the outside, at what people may look like or what people may or may not be able to do. God wants us to look at the heart. If we only see someone as a person with a disability, it is a little like looking at the first pictures we looked at. It is NOT the entire person.

God loves us all the same. God forgives us all the same. God knows what we are meant to be.

Closing Thoughts

Throughout David's life, he had people protect him and help him until it was time for him to be king. They saw David as he was meant to be. They saw God's plan for his life. God has a plan for all of our lives. We are all meant to be in his family. We are all meant to be loved. We are all meant to be forgiven. We are all meant to be in heaven with him some day. It is important for us to see everyone, including people with disabilities, as part of God's family... all that they are meant to be.

Check below all of the ways you can help others become all that they are meant to be.

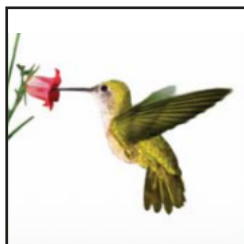
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| <input type="radio"/> Don't talk to others | <input type="radio"/> Walk past someone without saying hello |
| <input type="radio"/> Include others in church and school | <input type="radio"/> Be a friend |
| <input type="radio"/> Ignore those who look like they may need a friend | |

Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, you are the one and only true God. You see us for all we are meant to be. Help us share this good news with others so that they can come to know you. Forgive us when we forget to be kind to others, especially people that seem different from us. Help us see the heart of people and all that they are meant to be, and not just a piece or part of them. Thank you for loving us all the same. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



1. Car



2. Humming Bird



3. Birthday Cake



4. Violin



5. Apple