



You will need...

- Bottle
- Hard-boiled egg
- Boiling water
- Different wigs for Jesse and 8 sons
- School boy's cap

The story

Character/Actions	Lines
	Good morning, it is great to be here for this Assembly. My name is X, I'm here from X Church
	Have you ever noticed that what you see on the outside doesn't tell you all that you need to know about someone? Maybe someone arrives to play football and they're tiny, but it turns out they're the best on the pitch. Or a new girl arrives in the class who is really, really quiet, but you get to know her and find out she's great fun. What some one looks like on the outside, is often different to how they really are. It's like this...
Do the trick	The egg isn't small enough to go inside the bottle. I'm going to get the egg inside the bottle, without touching it.
	After I put some boiling water into the bottle, it looked exactly the same. To look at the bottle from the outside you wouldn't know anything was different. But there was something different on the inside, that we couldn't see that sucked the egg inside.



<p>Jesse comes on in an old man's wig</p>	<p>That is often the case, that what we can see about people, isn't all there is about them.</p> <p>I'm going to tell you about a man who didn't look like much on the outside, but who on the inside was amazing!</p> <p>3000 years ago, there was a man called Samuel. He was God's prophet. That means he was like the postman for God's people, the Israelites. He would tell the people the messages that God wanted them to hear.</p> <p>Well, on this particular day, God had an important job for Samuel. He had to go and pick the new King for Israel. God sent him to a place called Bethlehem, to a man called Jesse.</p>
<p>Wig 1 comes out looking big and impressive Walks off</p>	<p>Jesse had eight sons. And God told Samuel that one of them was going to be the next King. So Samuel said to Jesse, "Please can you bring me your eldest son"</p> <p>Jesse brought out Eliab, his eldest son. Samuel saw him and thought, "This must be the man God has chosen"</p>
<p>Booming voice off stage</p>	<p>But God said, "Do not look at what he looks like on the outside, because I have not chosen him. God doesn't look at the outside, like people do, God looks at the heart".</p>
<p>Wig 2 comes out looking athletic- star jumps, jogging on the spot Wig 3 comes out reading a book intelligently</p>	<p>So Samuel asked for his next son. Jesse brought out Abinadab.</p> <p>But God had not chosen him as King.</p> <p>So Samuel got his third son, Shammah. But God had not chosen him as King.</p>



<p>Wig 4 comes out barely awake with a cup of coffee Wig 5 comes out with stupid hair Wig 6 comes out grinning like an idiot and looks horribly deflated when rejected Wig 7 comes out looking confused</p>	<p>So Samuel asked for Jesse's fourth son.. and fifth son.... and sixth son... and seventh son</p>
<p>Jesse comes on in an old man's wig David comes on, on his knees looking short and pathetic, with a school boy's cap on</p>	<p>God did not choose any of them as King. So Samuel asked Jesse, one final time, "Do you have any more sons?" "Well, I've got one more, my youngest, but he's caring for the sheep, are you sure you want him?" Samuel asked for him to be brought in. When he came in, God told Samuel that this was the one. He would be the next King of Israel. God didn't choose him because he was big or strong, or had come top of his class. God chose him because he had a heart that loved God and wanted to serve Him. God gave him all the power he needed to do all that he needed him to do.</p>
<p>David - Narrator -</p>	<p>You might remember the story of David and Goliath, when David stood in front of Goliath and said, "You come against me with a huge sword and spear, but I come against you with the one living, powerful God, whom you are fighting against by picking a fight with his people. Today I will win, and everyone here will see that God saves, because this battle is His and not mine" You know how that story finished. David beat Goliath, not because he was stronger or cleverer but because He trusted God to win for Him, and He did!</p>



David grew up to be the finest King Israel ever had. He wasn't perfect, he made huge mistakes, but he did all he could to serve God. And God made him great. David won battles, he built amazing buildings, he became rich, he was a great musician and even a poet. He seemed to be good at everything!

God chose David, not because of what he looked like, or how strong he was, or even how clever he was, but because he loved God, and wanted to serve him. God chose him because of what he saw on the inside.

Let's make sure that we don't decide what people are like just by looking at them. There is always more. Make sure you get to know people, and find out about them before you make decisions about them. People are always easier to make friends with after we get to know them properly.

And there was one more thing that happened to David. God made him 4 promises about a man who would one day come from his family.

"Great name for your family". This man would be even more amazing, and would make everyone talk about David's family.
"King forever". This man would rule forever. He would be a King who would never go away, or stop ruling. How would he do that?
"God's own son". Although he was from David's family, somehow he would be called God's own son, and he would call God, "Dad"
"Loved forever". And God would love him forever. Never would be do anything wrong that would make God cross.



I'm going to say a short prayer, you don't have to if you don't want to.
Dear Father,
Thank you for King David.
Thank you that he was amazing, and you helped do so much.
Thank you for the great promises you made to him about someone from his family
Thank you that he shows us that we should find out what people are like on the inside, before we decide just from the outside.
Help us to be friends with people because of who they are and not because of what they look like.
Amen