

# People of God: David

## 1. Chosen!



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## PEOPLE OF GOD

Background information:

People of God refers to the Old Testament accounts of the people of Israel. David, an ancestor of Jesus, is a key figure in both Christianity and Judaism.

The accounts of David's life can be found in the books of 1 and 2 Samuel.

Key Words	
chosen	picked out or decided on
anointed	to put oil on as part of a religious ceremony
kindness	Gentle, thoughtful actions
courage	Being brave, doing something even when you're afraid



## David

Explore how David was chosen to be king.



Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9Obyj-BPWE>

Read: The Bible Passage - 1 Samuel 16

The Lord said to Samuel "I am sending you to Jesse who lives in Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." Samuel did what the Lord told him to do.



When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of Bethlehem shook with fear. They met him and asked, "Are you coming in peace?"

Samuel answered, "Yes, I come in peace. I have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Make yourselves holy for the Lord and come to the sacrifice with me."

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab. Samuel thought, "Surely the Lord has appointed this person standing here before him."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't look at how handsome Eliab is. Don't look at how tall he is. I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart."



Jesse had seven of his sons pass by Samuel.

But Samuel said to him,

"The Lord has not chosen any of these."

Then he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"



Jesse answered, "I still have the youngest son. He is out taking care of the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him. We will not sit down to eat until he arrives."

So Jesse sent and had his youngest son brought in.  
The Lord said to Samuel, "Go! Appoint him. He is the one."



So Samuel took the container of olive oil. Then he poured oil on Jesse's youngest son to appoint him in front of his brothers.

From that day on, the Lord's Spirit entered David with power.

ELIAB:

Think about the story:

Samuel was surprised that God had not chosen Eliab, Jesse's eldest son, to be the new king. He was even more surprised when he saw David!

Draw and label a picture of Eliab - what do you think he looked like?  
Show why Samuel assumed that he would be the anointed king?

Challenge: Did you notice which town Samuel was sent to? (Unscramble the letters!)

**TBEEHMEHL**

This story from the Bible comes from the Old Testament but the next time we hear about this town is in the New Testament.

Find out about the connection between David (the boy who lived here) and Jesus (the baby who was born here).

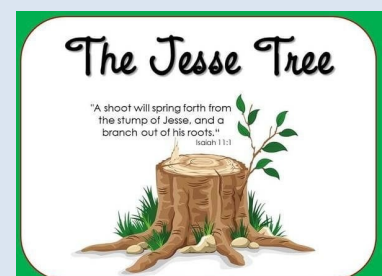
### Explore the Jesse Tree

Can you find out about the Jesse tree idea?

How does it link to the story here?

Why do you think it is used at Advent and in the run up to Christmas?

Could you make a Jesse Tree?

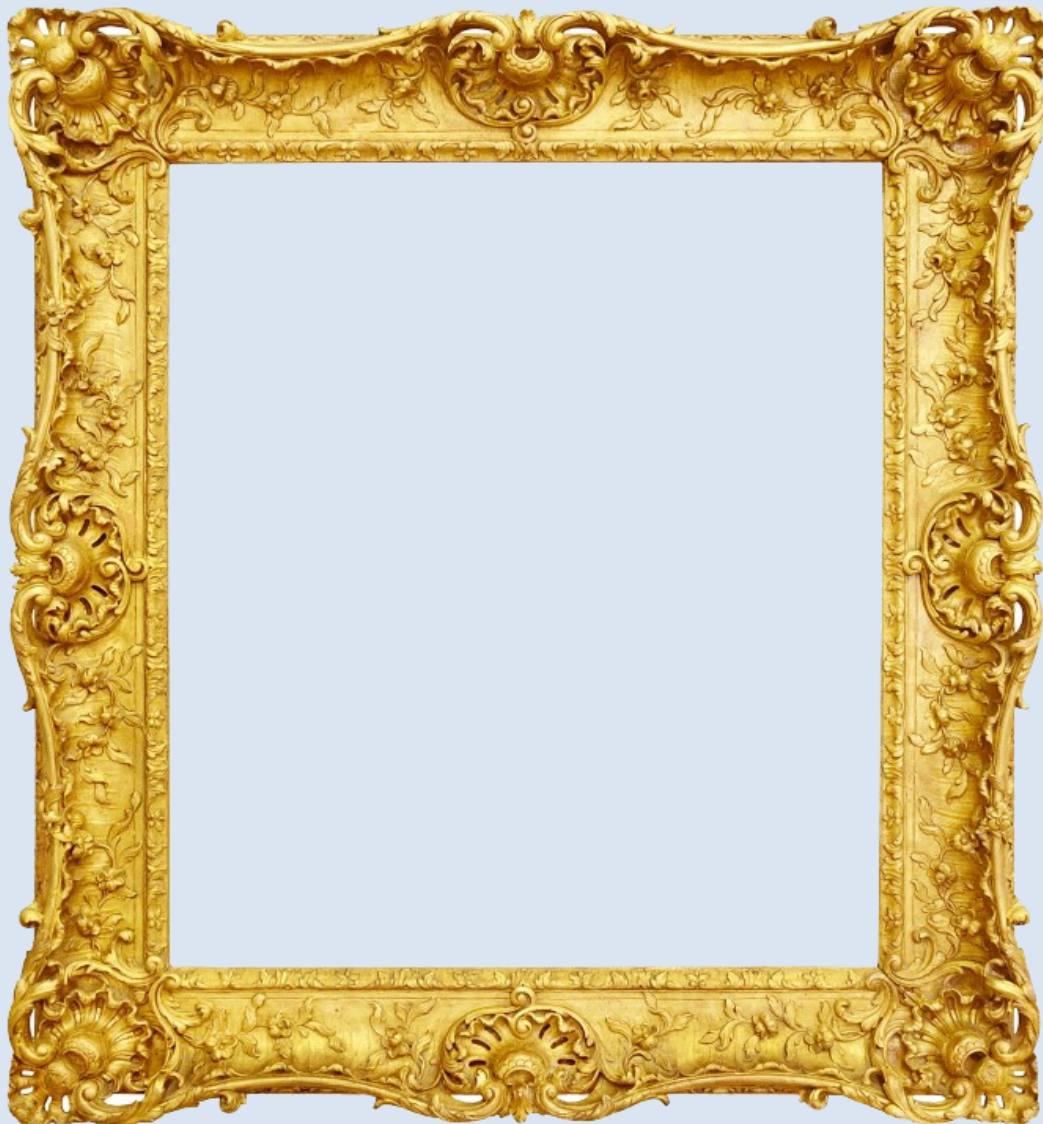




Have you ever  
been chosen to do  
something special?  
How did you feel?

How would you feel  
if you were ignored  
because of your age  
or size?

Christians believe that God looks at what is in a person's heart and not what they look like on the outside. In the frame below, draw a picture of yourself and write words around the picture to show what is in your heart. You might choose words like 'kindness', 'love', 'courage'. Think about the values that are important to you.

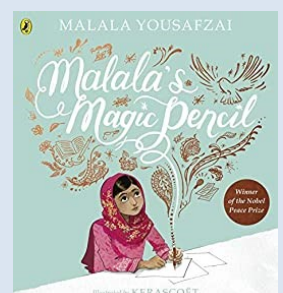


**CHALLENGE:** Find out about Malala Yousafzai - a young person with important things to say and strong values.

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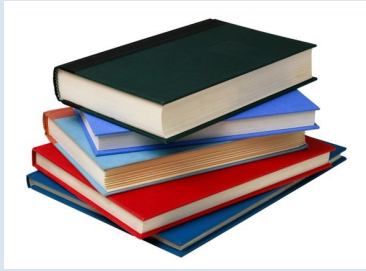
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Don't judge  
a book by  
its cover!



Have you heard this saying before?  
How do you think it links to David's story?

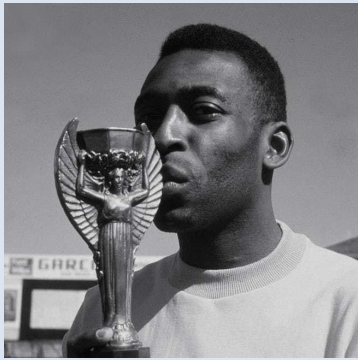
Look at the pictures of the people below.  
What do you think they achieved at a young age?  
Use the internet, if you can, to find out.



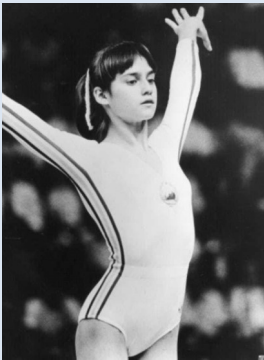
Laura Dekker (aged 14)



Jordan Romero (aged 13)

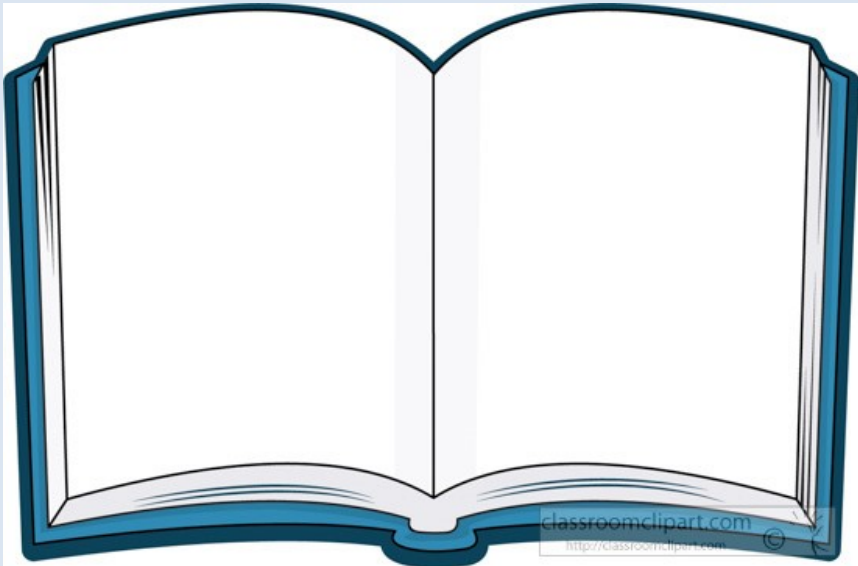


Pele (aged 17)



Nadia Comaneci (aged 14)

Our lives are like an empty book with pages yet to fill. What do you hope to achieve? Write some ideas on the pages below.



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<http://classroomclipart.com>

Were you surprised to find out what these young people had achieved?



## CHALLENGE

These photos link to the idea of being chosen and 'anointed', just like the story of David.

Can you work out why and how?



Who is the young person in the centre of the photograph?

How do you think she is feeling?

Can you write a news report of what is happening here?

