

## Another Son? (based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Samuel muttered to himself as he walked from his home in Ramah to Bethlehem. "I knew no good would come of giving the Israelites a king. I tried to tell them, but they had to have a king they could see like other nations. So Saul was made their king and now God is not pleased with Saul. Now God wants me to anoint a new king. If Saul finds out, I am in big trouble."

So here was Samuel, walking and taking a cow for a sacrifice so no one would know his real reason for going to Bethlehem. When Samuel got to Bethlehem, he said to Jesse, "I am here to make a sacrifice to God. You and your sons can come with me."

The city elders of Bethlehem came to meet Samuel, shaking with fear that he was bringing trouble. "No, no," said Samuel, "I have just come to make a sacrifice with Jesse and his sons. Nothing to worry about at all."

Now God had told Samuel that he had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be the next king, but God didn't say which one. When Samuel saw Eliab, the oldest son, he was sure this was the new king. But God said to Samuel, "No, no, don't pay attention to how good he looks. I look into the heart."

Then Jesse introduced his son Abinadab, another strong, good-looking young man. "Aha, this is the one," said Samuel. But God said, "No, no. I look into the heart."

Jesse introduced five more sons to Samuel. Each one looked like good king material to Samuel, but God said, "No, no. I look into the heart."

"Are there any more sons?" asked Samuel.



"Well, the youngest is in the fields taking care of the sheep," said Jesse as he shrugged his shoulders.

"Send for him. We cannot begin the sacrifice until he is here."

So Jesse sent for his youngest son, David. Soon a young man with beautiful eyes and reddish-brown hair stood before Samuel. God said, "This is the one. Anoint him."

Samuel took the horn of oil he had brought with him and poured it over David's head. The brothers and Jesse watched in astonishment. From that moment on, God's Spirit was with David.

Then Samuel went back home to Ramah.

## Surprise Inside Cookies

### YOU WILL NEED

- 1 bag individually wrapped miniature candy bars (any kind)
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup granulated white sugar
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3-½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt

### Directions:

1. Before the session, prepare the cookie dough. Use an electric mixer on low-to-medium speed to blend together the butter, peanut butter, white sugar, and brown sugar. Mix in eggs. Then add vanilla, flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix well. Cover dough with foil, and chill in refrigerator for at least two hours.
2. During the session, preheat oven to 325 degrees and spray cookie sheets with cooking oil spray.
3. To make a cookie, scoop out one tablespoon of dough. With clean hands, pat the dough into a circle. Place an unwrapped candy bar in the center of the dough. Shape dough into a ball around the candy bar.
4. Place cookie balls on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10–12 minutes, until lightly brown.
5. Let cookies cool for a few minutes on the cookie sheet, then use a spatula to transfer cookies to a wire rack to finish cooling.

