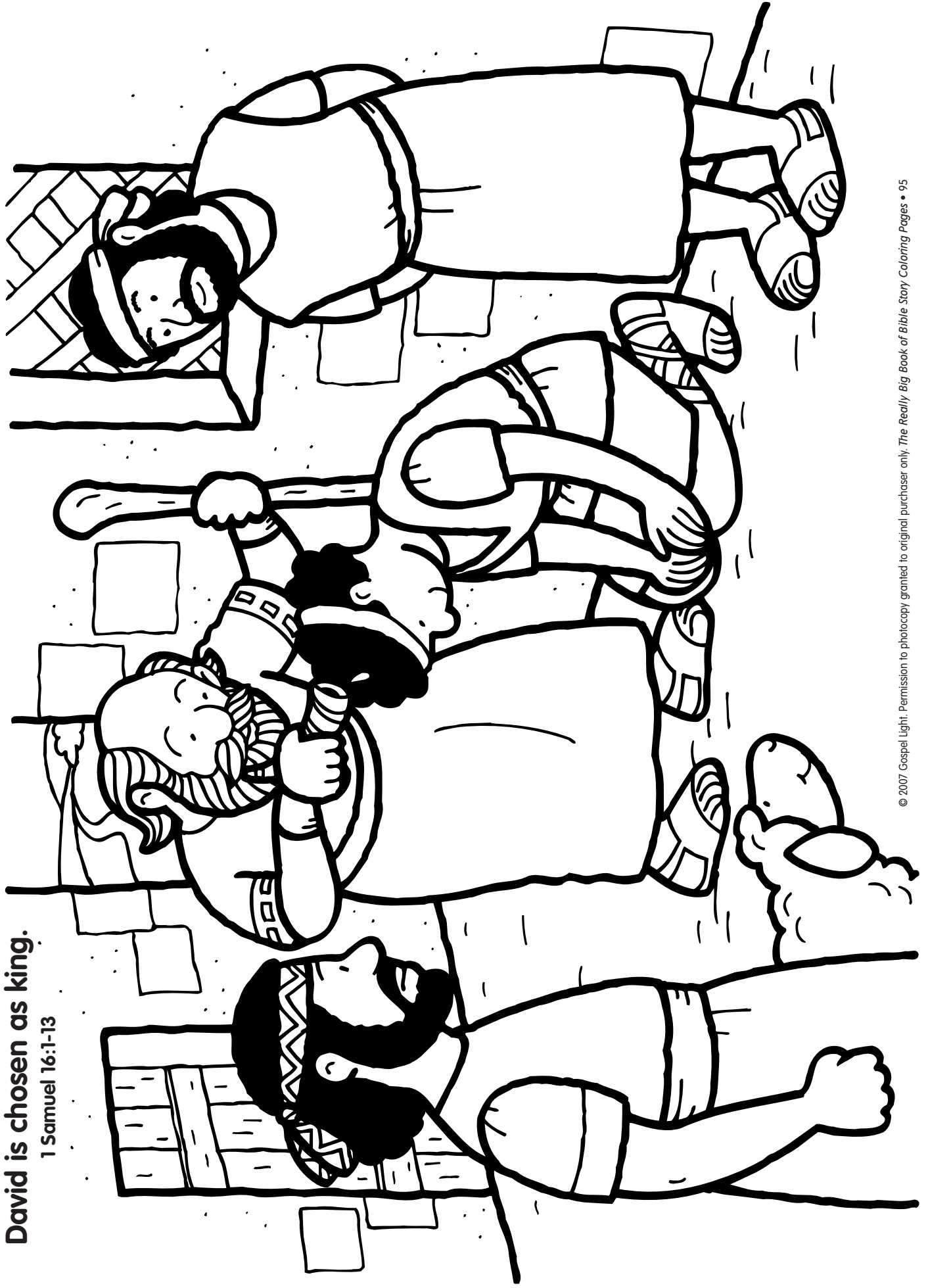


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God had said that King Saul would not be king much longer. God told Samuel to go to the man God had chosen to be the new king. "Go to the town of Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse. I have chosen one of Jesse's sons to be the king."

Samuel obeyed God and went to Bethlehem. He talked to Jesse. He looked at each of Jesse's seven sons. The oldest son was tall and strong. *Surely this is the one God wants to be king,* thought Samuel.

"No," God said to Samuel, "he is not the one. You can only see how he looks on the outside. But I have chosen a man who loves Me and will obey Me. That cannot be seen from the outside."

So Samuel looked at the next son. But God said he wasn't the one either. One after another, Jesse's seven sons walked by. But none of them was the one God had picked! Finally Samuel asked Jesse, "Do you have any MORE sons?"

Jesse told him that his youngest son, David, was out taking care of the sheep. Samuel asked to see him. When David walked in, God said, "This is the one I have chosen." So Samuel took out a little animal horn filled with oil. Samuel poured some oil on David's head to show that he was the one God had chosen to be the next king. God had chosen David because he knew David loved God with all his heart.