

# "Are all your sons here?"

1 Samuel 16:11

Samuel consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to a sacrifice. Jesse left his youngest son, David, tending the sheep, but God was going to anoint David to be the next king of Israel!

## 1. We need to think seriously about ALL our children

Compare Job

See **Deut. 6:4-9**

## 2. God wants our children to worship with us

**Exodus 10:8-11** Moses asked to leave to go worship with ALL Israel, including children and the elderly. Pharaoh was unwilling. They would have been much more likely to return if the children stayed behind. How many parents either *send their children to church*, or *go to church without their children?!?*

**Luke 15** See God's love in the prodigal son. He had one son at home, but still had great compassion toward and desire for his other son to be reconciled.

## 3. God has plans for our children

Jesse didn't imagine David's future, but God knew he would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> king of Israel