God’s people wanted a king

“But I’m your King” said God

“Nah!” said God’s people “We want a king like everybody else has”

So God gave them a king like everybody else had

He wasn’t very good at being king

And he didn’t help God’s people to listen to God

Or to love him.

He wasn’t very good at being king.

So God said:

“I am going to choose you a new king

A better king

A king who will show you what my true king will be like.”

God sent an old friend of his called Samuel

to tell the new king that he would be the new king.

“Go see Jesse” said God “One of his sons will be my new king”

So Samuel went to see Jesse and meet his sons.

Jesse’s oldest son was called Eliab

He was tall and handsome.

Samuel took one look at him and thought

“Yep, he looks like a king to me”

But God said “No. It’s not him Samuel”

“You’re thinking about this wrong” said God

“You’re only seeing what he looks like

“I am looking at who he is

“How he thinks and what he loves

“That’s how I will choose my new king.”

Jesse’s next oldest son was called Abinadab

God said “No. it’s not him either Samuel”

Samuel met seven of Jesse’s sons

And God said…

“No. No. No. No. No. No. No.”

Uh-oh!

“Do you have any more sons?” Samuel asked Jesse

“Just one more” said Jesse

“He is out in the fields right now looking after the sheep”

So Jesse sent someone to bring in his youngest son – David

“David is going to be my king” said God

and that’s what Samuel told David

“You are going to be God’s next king”

It took a little time but when David grew up

He became the king of God’s people

And he was a good king – mostly

He helped God’s people to listen to God

And to love him.

But David didn’t always do things God’s way

He wasn’t perfect

And he made some very bad decisions

But he always went back to God and said I’m sorry.

After David died God’s people always said:

“We want another King like David”

And one day God would send them his true king

God’s true king would always listen to God

and always love him!

He would help others to listen to God

And to love him too!

God’s true king would be perfect

Because God himself would be his people’s king at last.