

Preparation: For this object lesson you'll need a cut geode, a rock that's been cut open to reveal a beautiful crystallized interior that's available at most rock or tourist shops.

The Message: Show children the "unattractive" side of the rock while concealing the beautiful interior. Ask the children if they think the rock is beautiful. Then show them the beautiful interior. To complete this children's bible story read aloud [1 Samuel 16:7](#).

Ask: How do people try to be beautiful on the outside? What does God want to see on our insides? How can we be beautiful on the inside?