## **Heroes of Scripture and Screen:**

## King David and Coco

After watching the movie, read these **questions** and the Bible passage and talk about them as a family. It's best to do this right after watching the movie but you can also do it in the next day or so. The conversation could take anywhere from 10-20 minutes but we hope that it sparks an interest in noticing and sharing God throughout your daily life.

A Moment to Remember: Which moment in the movie did you like the most? Why?

Read this passage from the Bible (1 Samuel 16:6-13 NRSV):

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

## **Theme in Scripture – Unexpected Calling:**

Samuel is sent by God to anoint the new king of Israel. He finds Jesse's sons and is surprised to learn that it is the youngest son, David, who will be anointed as the next king. This passage shows us that God often calls the unexpected. Who would you expect God to call as a king? How does what you expect compare to David?

## Theme on the Screen – Unexpected Calling:

Coco disobeys his family's wishes by pursuing his dream of being a famous musician and finds himself suddenly in the realm of the dead, searching for a family member to give him a blessing so that he can return to the world of the living. His pursuit leads him to rethink what it means to be family and what it means to follow his dreams. He then surprisingly becomes the hero who repairs his family's past hurt and reconciles their relationships. How does Coco's unexpected adventure into the realm of the dead change his life in the land of the living?

The Scene that Says it All: Which scene in the movie best represents this theme of unexpected calling. Why? (Is it when Miguel first meets Hector, or when Imelda and the family rescue Miguel, or anther scene?)

Bonus question: Which of the characters in the realm of the dead do you most relate to?