

SHEEP

David was a shepherd boy and he loved his sheep. He talked to them and called them if they strayed too far from the flock. Sometimes he would carry a baby sheep to give it a rest. He took them on walks to find some nice green grass. He took them on walks to find some cool water. He took them to find a nice shady spot under a tree. Click, clack, click, clack went the sheep as they walked behind David their shepherd.

David knew his sheep were gentle timid animals and cared for them greatly. David watched over the sheep as they grazed in the fields and as they drank their water and when they rested under the shade tree. The sheep were unaware of the dangers around them. David kept watch over his flock of sheep day and night so a wolf or a bear could not come and carry one away. David was not afraid of the wolves or the bears because he knew God would protect him as well as the sheep.

David was a happy shepherd, he loved God with all his heart and he sang songs of happiness. He played music on his harp as he sang.

One day God told the priest, Samuel, that "Saul was no longer a good king". He told Samuel that "He must be replaced". God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem and find the family of Jesse and that one of his sons would be the new kings. Jesse had seven sons and each time Samuel would have one come before him God would say, "Not this one". Then Samuel said, "Do you have any other sons?" "Yes", said Jesse, "But he is out in the pasture taking care of the sheep". Then Samuel sent for David and when he came before him God said, "This is the one". David thanked God and said "I will serve You and only You".

David wrote a book in the Bible called the Psalms and he talked about the life of a shepherd through poems and songs. He said "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. I will fear no evil: for thou art with me".

Like David, Jesus Christ is our Shepherd. He is gentle and kind and He knows each one of us. Jesus, our Shepherd, fills our mouths with good things to eat and protects us from evil. He wants us to follow Him.

Memory verse: I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep... John 10:4

