

REFERENCES: 1 SAMUEL 16:7, 11, 12; 17:34, 35; PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 637-644.

David, the Shepherd Boy

Memory Verse:

“Children, obey your parents in everything” COLOSSIANS 3:20, NIV.

The Message:

I am part of a family.

Parents:

By the end of the month you can help your child

Know that they are part of a family.

Feel loved by their family.

Respond by being helpful and obedient.



Fluffy Kitty is eating. Billy pets the kitty. Billy shows love to Fluffy Kitty. In the Bible, David shows love to his sheep.

See David, the shepherd boy.
(*Point to David.*) See David's sheep. (*Point to sheep.*) See the new lamb. (*Point to the lamb in David's arms.*)

David shows love to the little lamb.
He pets the lamb.
(*Stroke your child's arm gently.*)









Come, sheep!" David calls. See the sheep coming to David. (*Call your child to you; hug him or her.*) The sheep come to David. He shows love to them.



David shows love for his sheep. (*Point to David.*) He leads them to a pool of water. (*Point to the water.*) The sheep drink water.

(*Clasp hands; close eyes.*) Thank You, God. You love David. You teach him to show love for the sheep. Help me show love to others today. Amen.









David shows love for his sheep. He finds good grass. (*Point to the grass.*) The sheep eat the good grass. (*Pretend to be sheep eating grass.*) Yum-yum! The sheep like the good grass.

David plays his harp. (*Point to the harp.*) The sheep like to hear his music.



Look out, David!
A lion is after
your sheep.

Grrrrr! The lion
is hungry. (*Rub your
tummy.*) Shoooo, lion!

David chases the
lion. (*Pretend to chase
a lion.*) David shows
love for his sheep.
(*Hug your child.*)









Look out, David!
A bear is after
your sheep.

Grrrrr! The bear
is hungry. (*Rub your
tummy.*) Shoooo, bear!

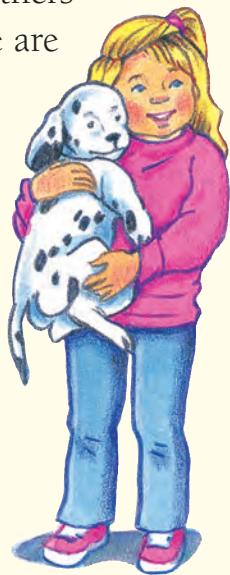
David chases the
bear. (*Pretend to chase
a bear.*) David shows
love for his sheep. He
keeps them safe.



Come, sheep!
Time to go
home!" David calls.

The sheep follow
David. (*Point to the
sheep.*) They love
David. He helps them
find grass. He shows
love for his sheep.

We can show love
too. We show love
when we care for our
pets. And we show
love to others
when we are
kind to
them.





Do & Say

Hide a toy sheep in the house and help your little one find it. Explain that sometimes David's sheep would run away, and he would have to look for them.

With your child, count things in your home that are made from wool.

If possible, get some unspun wool for your child to feel, or use soft cotton balls. Explain that wool comes from sheep, and that it is used to make many things.

Help your child imagine that he or she is a shepherd. Talk about ways to look after their sheep.

Let your child hide and bleat like a sheep until you find them. Say: "David often had to look for his sheep."

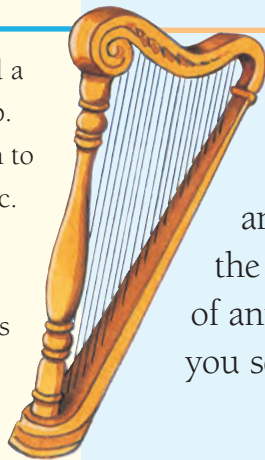
Take your child to visit a petting farm, or go for a walk or ride in the country to see some sheep and lambs.



Make different fierce animal noises with your child (bear, lion, etc.). Talk about how David protected his sheep from the wild animals.

Ask your child to help you pick up something, find something, or carry something to the table. Thank them for being helpful.

Show your child a picture of a harp. If possible, listen to some harp music. Talk about how it would soothe and calm David's sheep to hear this music.



If you have a pet, ask your child to help feed it. Or ask a friend if your child can help them care for their pet.



Talk about how to be gentle and kind to animals (don't pull kitty's tail, don't throw rocks at animals, etc.).

Go for a walk with your child and count the number of animals you see.

Visit a place where you can feed ducks with your child. Or put some food out for the birds at home. Talk about being gentle and kind to animals, as David was.

Count on your child's fingers the number of brothers (7) that David had. Then look at a family picture, and count how many people are in your family.

Show your child pictures of family members. Talk about how your child is a part of your family.