

David Helps His Family

1 Samuel 16:11-12,18; 17:34-35

David's Family

The Bible tells about a boy named David who had seven older brothers. David's family had many sheep.

David's Job

One day his father said, "David, you are old enough to do an important job. You are old enough to take care of our sheep."

His father said, "You can find grass for our sheep to eat. You can find water for them to drink. And you can bring them safely home at night."

David felt happy! He was glad to be a helper with the sheep. "I will take good care of our sheep," David said.

David Helps

David worked hard taking care of the sheep. He listened carefully to the sheep.

"Baa! Baa! Baa!" the sheep said. David knew they were thirsty. Step, step, step. David walked to find cool water for the sheep to drink.

"Baa! Baa! Baa!" the sheep said. David knew his sheep were hungry. Step, step, step. David walked to find a place where green grass grew for his sheep to eat.

When a sheep was hurt or sick, David took special care of it. Sometimes David carried a sheep with a hurt foot on his shoulders so that it wouldn't have to walk on its sore foot.

Danger!

Sometimes David had to work extra hard! Once, David saw a lion creeping toward the sheep. David chased the lion away and kept the sheep safe!

Safe and Thankful

While the sheep rested, David often played his harp and sang happy songs about God. David loved God. David was glad to be a good helper for his family.

Conclusion

**David helped his family.
David was glad to show
God's love by helping others.
We can show God's love by
helping others, too.**



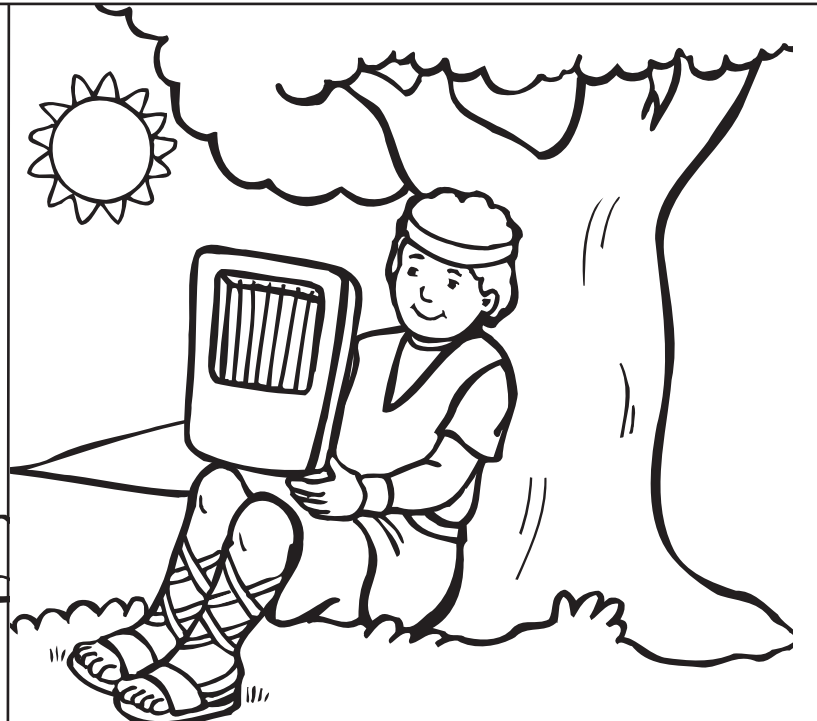
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“With love, help each other.” (See Galatians 5:13.)

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- **What did David do to help his family?**
- **When can you show God’s love and help others?**

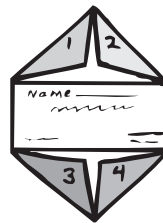


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