

LESSON 13

DAVID THE SHEPHERD

1 Samuel 16:1-13

God wanted a good king for His people Israel. He sent Samuel to Jesse's house in Bethlehem, to choose a new king.

Seven of Jesse's sons came before Samuel, but God had chosen none of these, although they looked handsome young men.

Then Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more sons, so Jesse called his youngest son who was out minding the sheep.

David the youngest son, a shepherd, was brought to Samuel. David was strong and handsome too, but there was something special about him. He loved God, and tried to obey Him. Because of this, God had chosen David to be the new king. So Samuel told David that later when he grew up, he would be the new king of the nation of Israel.

ACTIVITY

Paint or colour the picture. Add some more sheep to it, and paste cotton wool on them. Use blue glitter or coconut coloured blue for the water. Paste a pipe cleaner staff in David's hand.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make finger puppets or draw faces on a pair of plastic gloves and act the finger play printed at the back of this book.

Dress a peg doll and give it a pipe cleaner staff to hold. Make several cardboard sheep (see back page for pattern) and stand them around it.

Act out the story.

Find a picture of shepherds in eastern countries. Discuss their job (refer to John 10:1-18).

David — the shepherd who became king.

