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God had chosen David to be king of Israel some day. But King Saul was still the king, so David stayed home. David helped his family by taking care of the sheep.

David loved being outdoors with the sheep. He took the sheep to find good grass to eat and water to drink. He played his harp and sang while he watched the sheep eat.

David watched the sheep carefully. Sometimes a lion or bear would try to take a sheep from the

flock. When that happened, David chased the lion or bear away and rescued the sheep.

One day King Saul heard about how good David was at singing and playing the harp. King Saul's servants asked David to come and play for the king. David helped King Saul by playing his harp for him. David showed his love for God and others.