

David was the youngest son in a large family of eight boys. Their father Jesse owned lots of sheep and David's job was to look after these sheep – leading them to find pasture to graze, water to drink and protecting them from danger.

Some of David's older brothers were soldiers in the army of King Saul – they were big and strong and brave.

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David was brave too. His sheep grazed out in the wilderness where wild animals lurked. Once a lion came and stole a lamb from the flock. David chased the lion, caught it by its long hair and rescued the lamb from its mouth. He then killed the lion to protect his sheep. Another time a big bear came to try to take a young lamb. David fearlessly went after the bear and rescued the lamb. David looked after his sheep very well.

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