

2 Samuel 5:1-5



## The Story

David grew into a man. God chose David to be king.

He was a good king. He loved God and tried to do what God wanted him to.

When David made mistakes, he asked God to forgive him.

He asked God for help. God helped David be a better king.

David loved God his whole life—when he was a boy and when he was a man, when he was a shepherd and when he was a king.

You are growing, too! You love God when you are little, and you can love God when you are big.

*Name ways you will love God when you grow big.*

## Poem

### David Was a Good Boy

This poem connects the story of David as a shepherd boy and David the king, reminding us that David loved God his whole life.

David was a good boy, a very, very good boy.  
David was a shepherd, and David loved his sheep.

David was a good man, a very, very good man.

David was a king, and David loved his people.

David was a good boy. David was a good man.

David loved the Lord God his whole life through.

## Game

### King David, May I?

This game can be used as a family game or with other children and friends. Explain that one person will be King David and the rest will try to get to King David. Assure the players that everyone who wants to be King David may have a turn. Use the following directions to play the game:

- Choose a person to be King David. Give him or her a crown (or a special hat) to wear, and have him or her sit in the throne (or special chair). Have the rest of those playing line up about ten feet away.
- Tell the person who is King David to call out a number one through five or hold up fingers on one hand. This is the number of steps that the others may take to reach King David.
- Choose a form of steps that the players can take, such as giant steps, baby steps, hopping steps, crawling steps, backward steps, and so on.
- Have the players say, as they are able, “King David, may I?” King David responds, “Yes.” The players then do the number and form of steps chosen toward King David.
- When the players reach King David, choose another person to be King David and play again.

# PRAY

## Mealtime Prayer

God is great. God is good. Let us thank God for our food. Amen.