

***Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten***

**Lesson 1.12: DAVID THE SHEPHERD BOY — I Sam. 16:12-23**

**TEACHER PREPEARATION**

Read over I Samuel 16:12-23

**WORSHIP CIRCLE**

**STORY AND DISCUSSION**

Do you love to take care of animals? David did; he loved to take care of his father's sheep and their babies. Have you ever seen or felt a sheep? Sheep love to be taken care of and follow their shepherd. David was a good shepherd boy. He not only loved his father's sheep but he was also strong and brave. If a lion or a bear tried to take a lamb from the flock, David would fight and kill it and save the lamb. But one day a messenger from King Saul told David to leave his father and his sheep and come to the king. David obeyed. King Saul had disobeyed the Lord and had become sick and very unhappy. The messenger wanted David to play beautiful music on his harp to make King Saul feel better.

When King Saul met David he loved him very much right away. David was young, strong and handsome and when he played for Saul, Saul felt better and happy again.

David loved the Lord and loved to write songs for Him. It is easy to imagine him singing these beautiful songs as he played his harp for the king. It is also easy to imagine David singing about the Lord and the beautiful world He created, as he sat on a hillside, taking care of his father's sheep.

**RECITATION**

Some of David's songs are in the Word. Here are the words to part of a song (Psalm 23). Repeat after me:

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.

**PROJECT**

**Standing Sheep**

**Materials:**

- sheep pattern
- heavy paper
- cotton balls, pulled apart

**Directions:**

Print the sheep on cover stock or cut them out and glue them onto heavy paper. Color the sheep and glue cotton balls onto them. Then fold the sheep in half so that they can stand up. These sheep can be put by the shepherds in your nativity scene.

