

# Adventures with GOD!

## DAVID THE SHEPHERD (A.2.FALL.3)

Biblical Reference	1 Samuel 17:34-37
Key Verse	Psalms 23:1
Key Concept	God guides me and cares for me as David did with his sheep.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Explain two things that a shepherd does for his flock. 2. Name ferocious animals that attack other animals. 3. Describe how David looked after his sheep.

### Life Application

David's story helps us see how God cares for us. It also gives us the opportunity to explain to children that we are all like sheep and we need a Shepherd. They respond with faith when we tell the story of "The Lost Sheep". This week give thanks to God for being the Pastor in their lives.

### Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Craft	Construction paper, scissors, glue	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Flute, bible	10 minutes
Story	Book "The Lost Sheep"	10 minutes
Game	See below	10 minutes
Craft	Sheets, crayons	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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## INSTRUCTIONS

### Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

**Prayer:** God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

**Craft:** Roll the paper and paint circles as holes for fingers. Give the children and they can "touch" their flutes and make a parade. (Another option is suggested in this lesson).

**Bible Exploration:** You can use various visuals (some of these are found below). Tell them about the work of a pastor. Tell them in a simple way for them to understand. What is a shepherd? A person who cares for the sheep. He leads the sheep to the field where they can eat grass. The shepherd looks after the sheep and protects them from wild animals such as lions and bears. The pastor has to heal injured sheep and seek water when thirsty. If a sheep is lost, the pastor has to search for the sheep until he finds the sheep. At night the shepherd has to sleep near his sheep to take care of them and protect them from danger.

**Story:** "The lost sheep" is a famous story which is available in Christian bookstores. It is the parable Jesus told in Matthew 18:10-14 and Luke 15:3-7. If you do not get the book with pictures, you can draw some scenes of the story and use the drawings to visualize.

**Game:** "Follow the Shepherd" is how the game "Follow the Leader" is played. Some kids can be the sheep and the others can be shepherds who lead the sheep to good pasture (perhaps give them a snack when they get to the place of "good grass", to help them understand that pastors give food to his sheep). You have to change the characters and switch the children. They will each have the opportunity to be "the shepherd".

**Craft:** Today add to your booklet: a page with a flute, a harp or see the illustrations found in the introduction of this quarter. You will also find other options for crafts. To make the manual, draw or pull out enough copies of both the face of a lion and sheep. Have the children stick on the plate and decorate as directed on the sheet of craft.

### Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

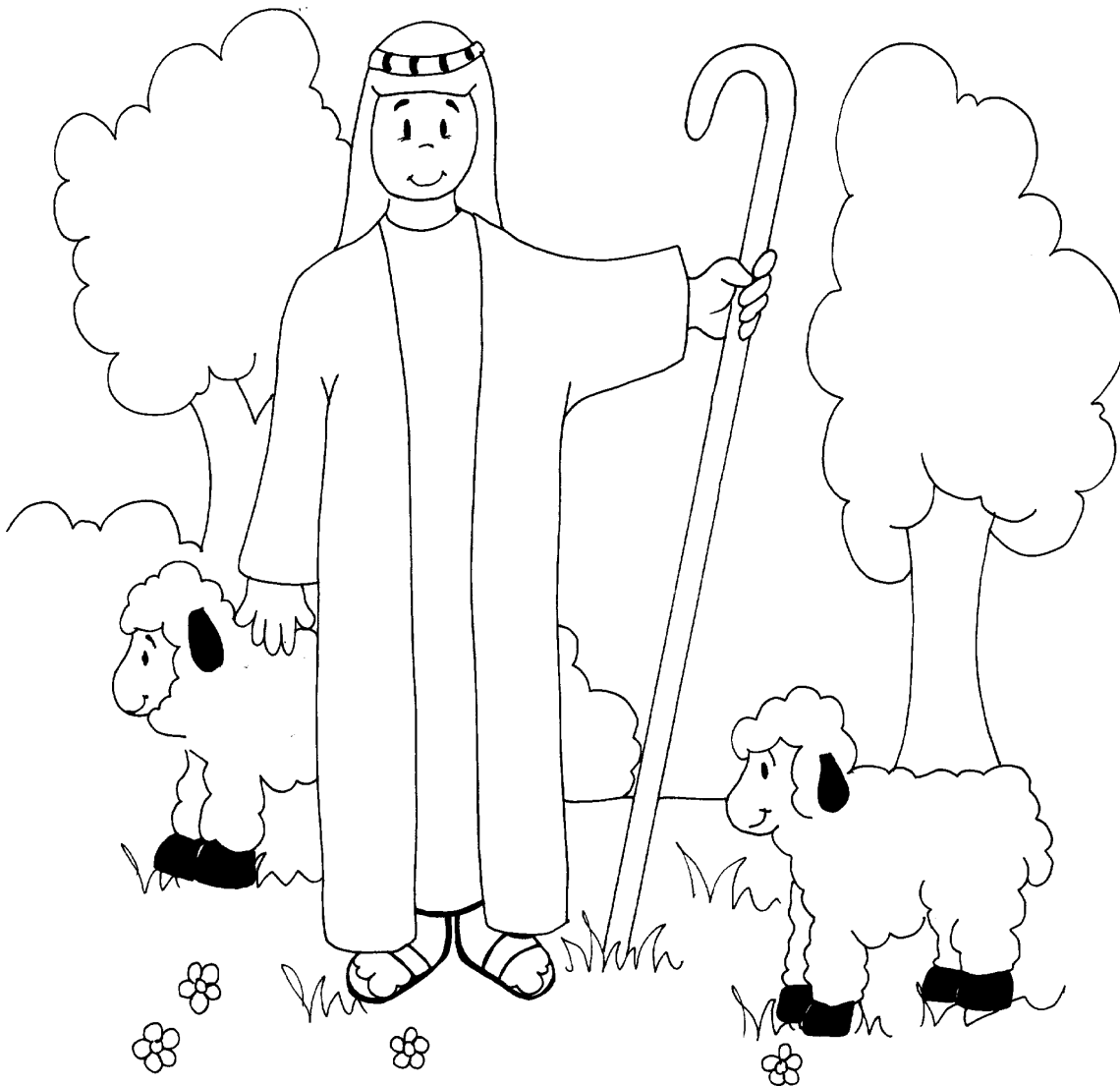
**Prayer:** Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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## CRAFT

### TEXTURED BOX

David was a shepherd. He tended to his flock. One day a lion suddenly appeared to attack the sheep. David killed the Lion. Another time he killed a bear who wanted to hurt the flock. Tape a stick to make the shepherd's staff and cotton on the body of the sheep.





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## PUZZLE

David tried to please King Saul by singing a song.

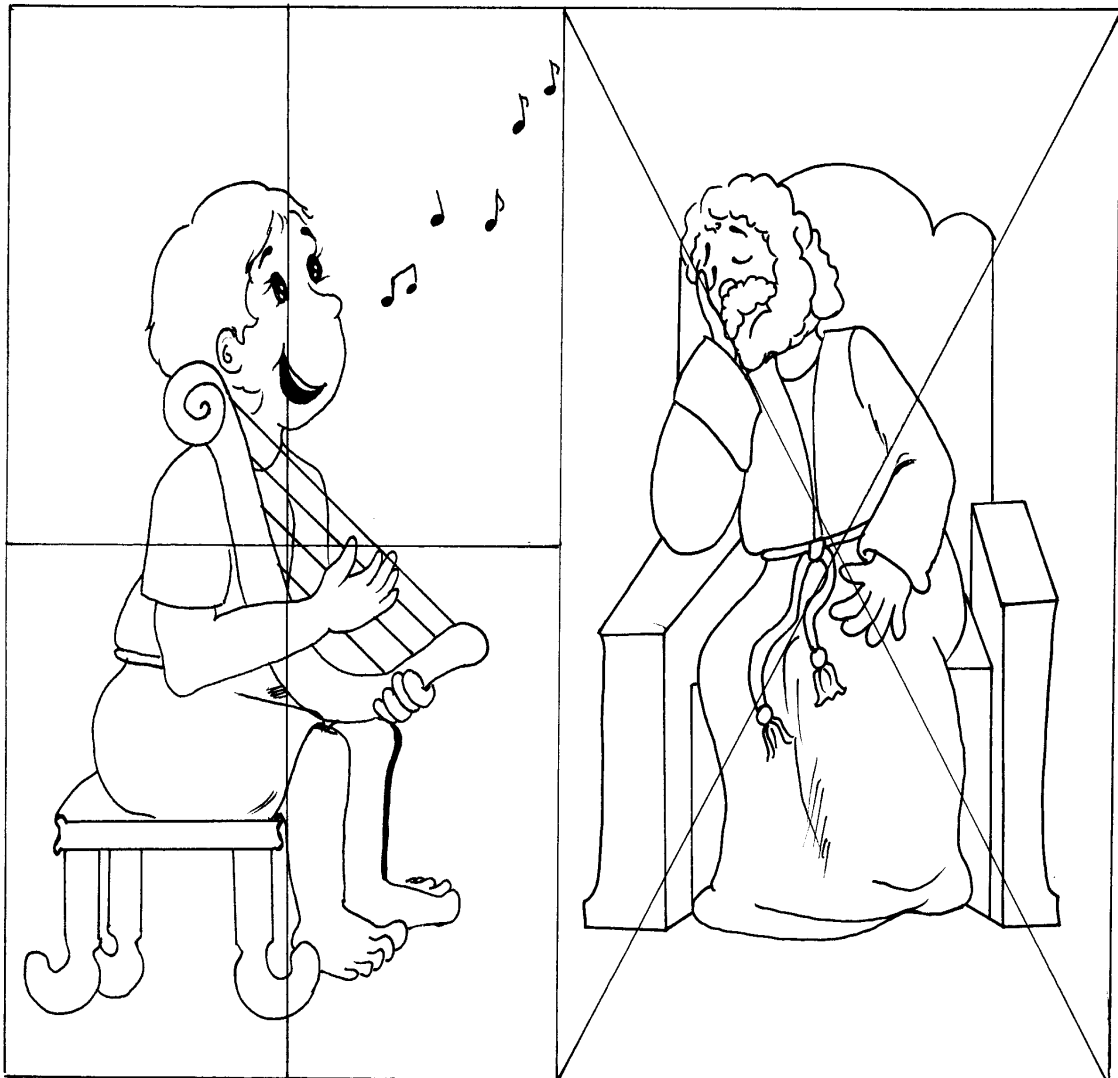
Materials:

Cardboard  
Glue/Adhesive

Scissors  
Crayons

Preparation:

1. If possible make a copy for each child. Or you can make a puzzle for every 3 or 4 children.
2. Ask them to color, help to cut and paste on paper or cardboard and wrap it with Contact.
3. Help them cut by the lines and let them play one at a time.



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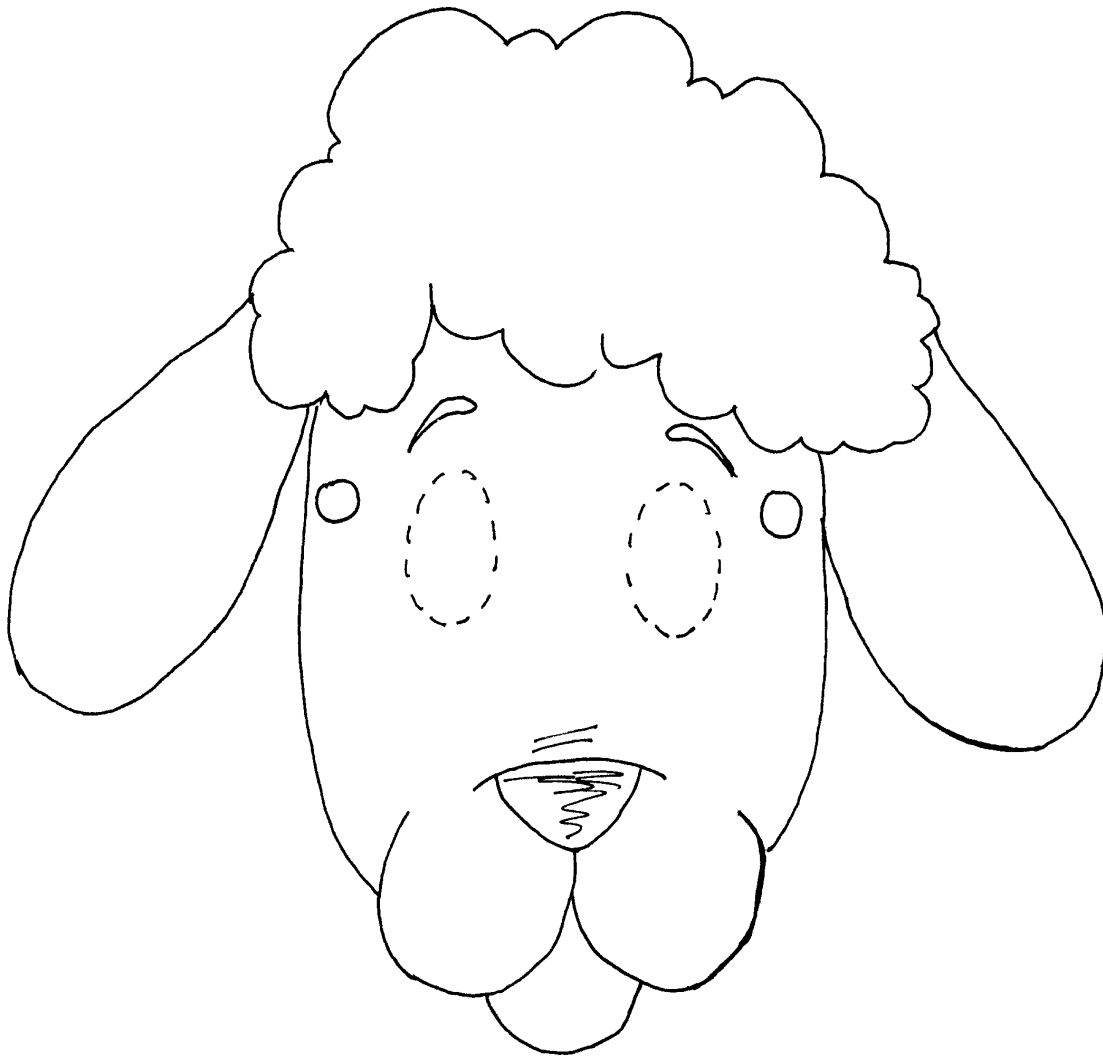
## CRAFT - MASK

David was a shepherd. He cared for the sheep.

Materials: crayons, scissors, elastic string or yarn

Preparation:

1. Make a copy for each child and have them color it.
2. Help cut the figure and you can cut holes in the eyes.
3. Run a long piece of yarn or elastic string to each side of the holes for children, so that they can be used as a mask.



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## CRAFT

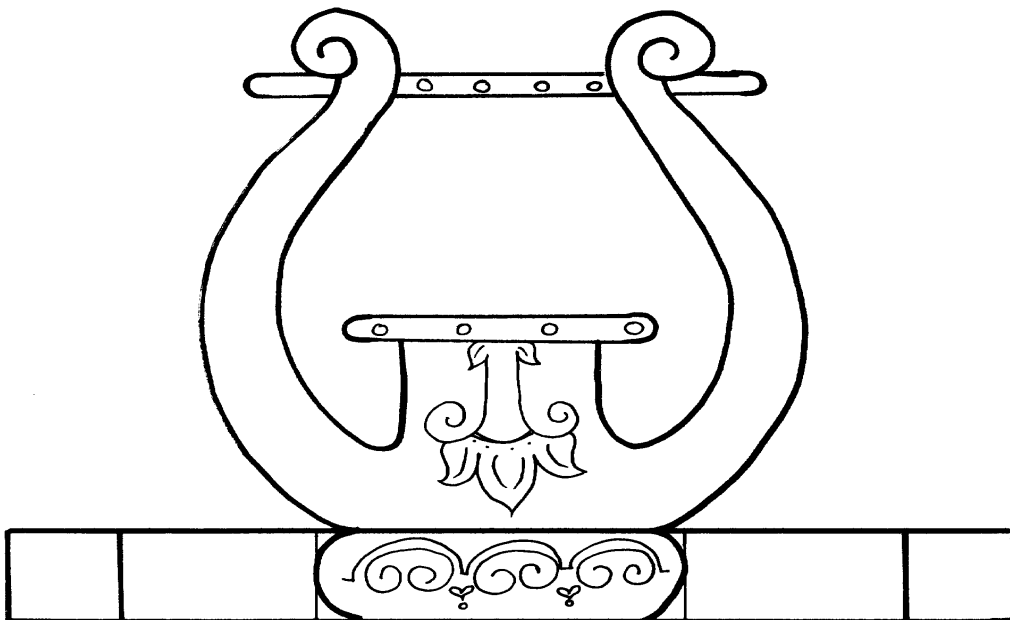
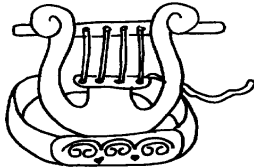
### THE HARP

When David was a child his favorite toy was a harp. As he grew he played the harp for King Saul.

Materials:           crayons           scissors           glue (rubber)           thread

Preparation:

1. Use this example and draw a harp similar in size on thick cardboard. A harp for each child and hand and trimmed with the holes (use a hole punch).
2. Ask them to color.
3. Take long pieces of thread or yarn to sew the gaps between top and bottom (see illustration). Tie the ends behind.
4. Staple or glue the ends of each side of the harp.



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## ILLUSTRATION

David played the harp

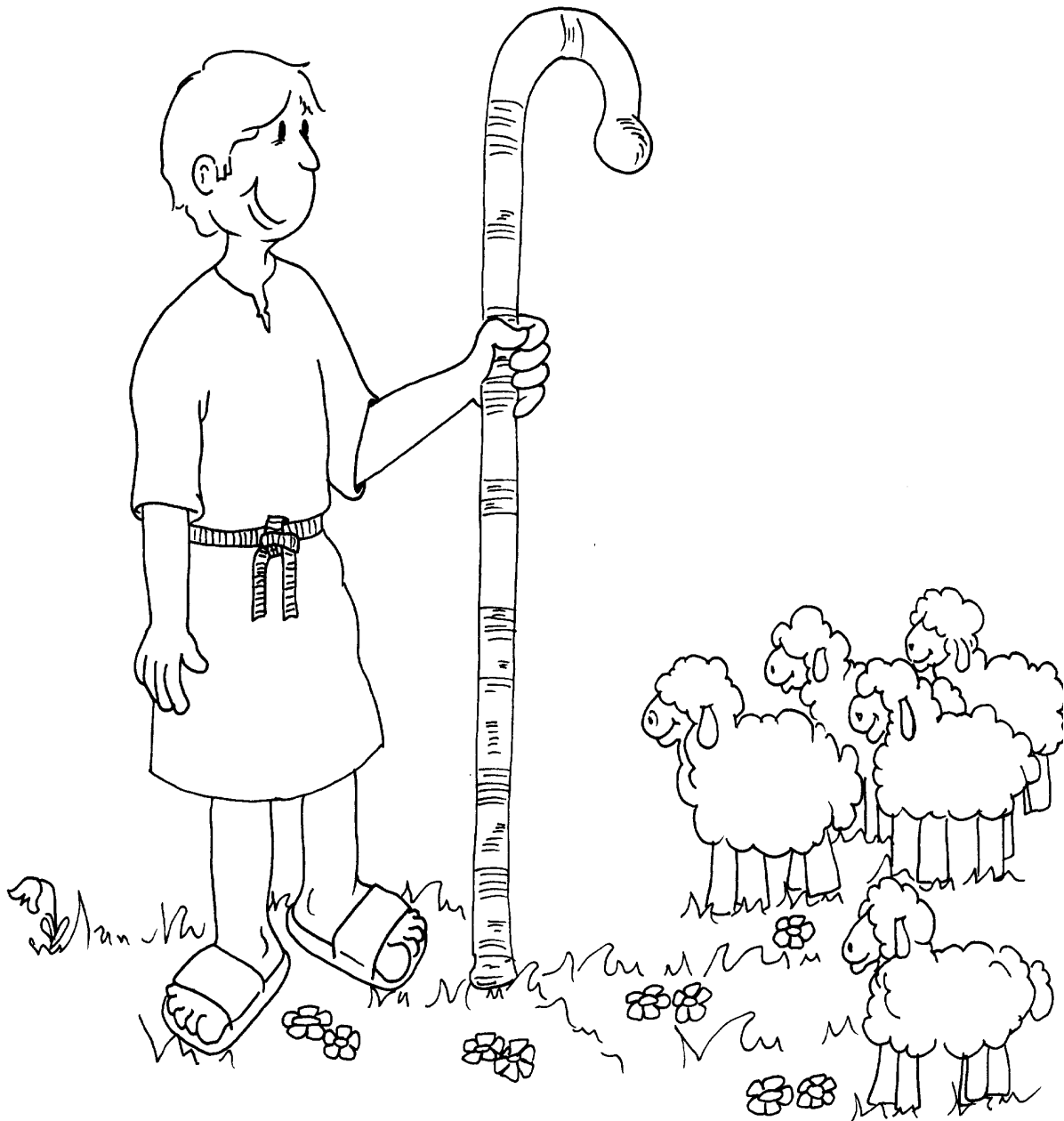




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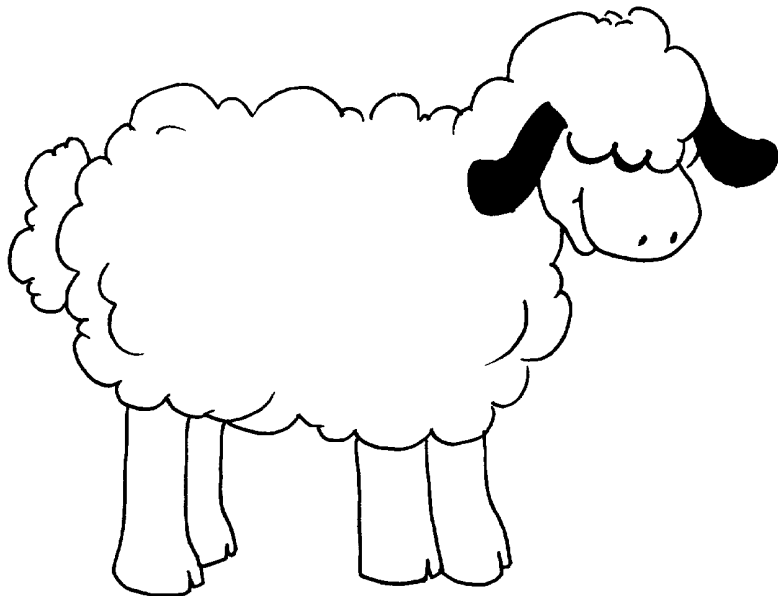
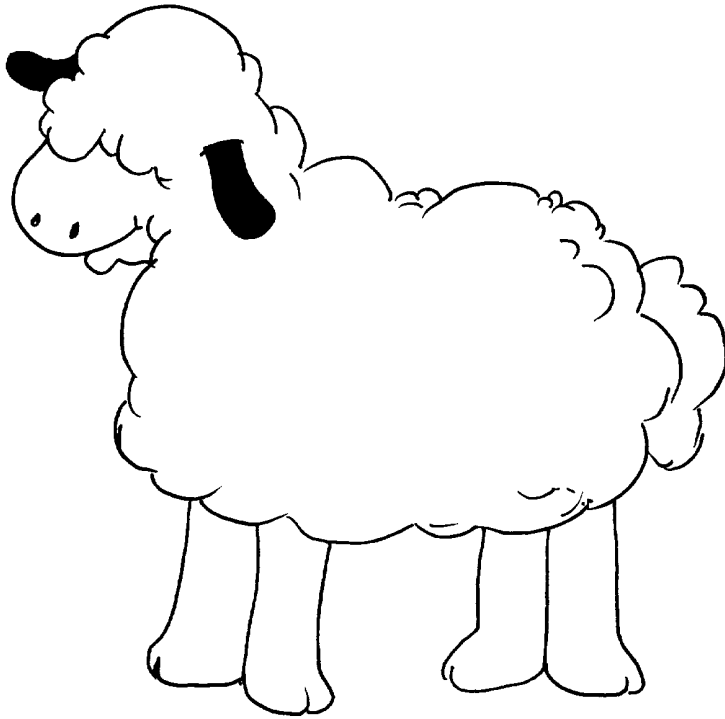
DAVID KILLED A LION AND A BEAR



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## ILLUSTRATION

DAVID TOOK CARE OF THE SHEEP



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THE BEAR



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THE LION

