

Scriptural Basis;

Samuel 17:34-37, Psalm 23, 53

Overview:

Before David was selected by God to be king of Israel, he was a lowly shepherd. His years as a shepherd game him a clear picture of what it's like to be completely dependent upon God. David used his experiences to proclaim God's greatness, as a devoted worshiper of Him.

## Things to consider:

All of the previous lessons have focused on learning about who God is and what He is like. This lesson teaches us about who we are... As His image-bearers, we were created to be worshipers of God. The true perspective we need for worshiping Him well is an understanding of our complete dependence on Him.

The gospel in the story:

The Psalms written by David point to a savior, which is good news for a people who need saving. Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11

Bible Study for Preparation:

Read the accompanying set of verses that describe us as sheep and God (Jesus) as the good shepherd. Contemplate how we are like sheep who are completely dependent upon God. Consider also, how David recognized that his core purpose in life was to worship God.

## Teaching the lesson:

A: Review – Last week – God rejects Saul and chooses David (the memory verse "People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7" is good news, bad news and great news... Good news in that God cares more about our heart than our physical appearance or abilities, yet bad news because our hearts are wicked due to sin. But the great news is that God in His great love for us, gave His own son Jesus, so that we could have new hearts).

- B: Bible verse memory activity C. Story
- D. Additional activity