

David the Shepherd

Reader's Theater Version

CHARACTERS: Vontrice, David, lamb

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

PROPS: (optional) a shepherd's rod

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: 1 Samuel 17, Psalm 23

FK Reading level 4.4

VONTRICE: Welcome King David. Who is your companion?

DAVID: This is Lambikins, a member of my flock.

VONTRICE: Before you were King, what did you do?

DAVID: I was a shepherd.

LAMBIKINS: He was a great shepherd.

VONTRICE: Why do you say that?

LAMBIKINS: He guided us to green pastures with tasty grass and kept the bad things away.

VONTRICE: What kind of bad things?

LAMBIKINS: One time my friend Wanda the Wanderer went too far away from the rest of the flock and a lion grabbed her.

VONTRICE: Oh no! What did you do, David?

DAVID: I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I whacked it again with my rod and killed it. (*Show rod*)

LAMBIKINS: David killed lions AND bears that were trying to get us.

VONTRICE: No wonder you became a brave king. You were a mighty warrior as a boy.

DAVID: I can't take the credit. The Lord rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear.

VONTRICE: So you knew you could count on God to have your back when you faced Goliath, the 9 foot tall giant.

DAVID: Exactly.

LAMBIKINS: And we sheep could count on David to have our backs.

VONTRICE: Is it important for the sheep to know that?

DAVID: Yes. Sheep follow a shepherd by listening to the shepherd's voice.

LAMBIKINS: We only listen to and follow voices we trust.

DAVID: Being a shepherd first made me a better king later because I knew how to lead gently but protect fiercely.

VONTRICE: Who were some other great leaders who started out as shepherds?

LAMBIKINS: Abraham was a shepherd.

DAVID: When the bad people stole his nephew Lot and his whole family, Abraham went after him in the Lord's power and rescued him.

LAMBIKINS: Just like David rescued Wanda the wanderer from the lion.

DAVID: Moses was another leader who spent 40 years shepherding sheep.

VONTRICE: It seems like taking care of sheep is a pretty important job to have.

LAMBIKINS: You better believe it. Shepherds are outstanding in their fields Get it Out standing in their fields. (*DAVID and VONTRICE chuckle*)

DAVID: It is important. In fact, Jesus even said in the gospel of John that he was a shepherd.

LAMBIKINS: A good shepherd, just like David.

VONTRICE: Thanks for dropping by today and telling us about sheep and shepherds.

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Sheep and Shepherds <http://www.quia.com/cb/322820.html>