

# Jesse Tree

## KIDS' DAILY DEVOTIONAL



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIS POINT IN GOD'S STORY?

Yesterday, we talked about how God chose David to be King of his people because He could see David's heart. He knew that David loved Him and would help the people he led to follow God.

It was years before David actually became king. After being anointed by Samuel, he went back to what he had been doing all along – being a shepherd! But, when he was needed to defeat the HUGE Goliath, David showed how BIG his faith in God was. He did battle with someone MUCH bigger and with a LOT more experience than he had, and with God's help he defeated him with just a sling and a stone!

More time passed and eventually, Saul died. God told David to go to Judah, which was a part of the land of Canaan. The people there made David king, and he ruled them for 7 years.

### BIBLE READING

2 Samuel 5: 1-5

### WHAT DO THOSE VERSES TELL US ABOUT GOD?

The rest of God's people from around Israel came and asked David to be king over them, too. They told David three things: 1) You are our flesh and bone (which meant, "you are one of us"), 2) when Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel into battle successfully (which meant, "we know you are a good leader and have already been doing it"), and 3) the Lord told you "You will shepherd my people" (which meant, "we know the Lord chose you to lead us").

It's so interesting that we could say all of these same things about Jesus!

- 1) He came to earth as a person to be one of us. He knows what it is like to be a person – to feel cold, tired, hungry, hurt or happy and excited. He knows what it's like to be one of us!
- 2) Jesus has always been God. He has been there from the very beginning when the Lord said "let **us** make make humanity in our image." Jesus was part of the "us" in that verse! He's been leading people from the beginning of time.
- 3) Jesus is "The Good Shepherd" He's called a shepherd multiple times in the New Testament and in John 10:11, He calls Himself the Good Shepherd.

He also says in John 10:11 that the Good Shepherd will give his life for his sheep. And Jesus did just that! When he said these words, He already knew that one day He would give His life for all of us. WE are His Sheep and He is our Shepherd.

We can see what a BIG plan that God had for us in the story of David - God gave His people a king in the Old Testament who had been a shepherd. And that shepherd king wrote about God being his shepherd in Psalm 23. And then, God sent His only Son to earth to be everyone's GOOD shepherd!

## **PRAYER**

Thank you for being David's shepherd and our shepherd, too. Thank you for sending Jesus to lay down His life for all of us. In Jesus' name, amen.



