



Today's true Bible story comes from Psalm 23 and 1 Samuel 16. The book of Psalms is filled with songs, prayers and poems that help us talk to God. Many of these psalms were written by King David. Do you remember learning about King David? Do you remember when God picked him to be king? *Pretend to put an imaginary crown on your head.*



God told a man named Samuel to find the next king of Israel. God told Samuel the next king was one of Jesse's sons. Samuel met Jesse's oldest son and he thought this son would be chosen. But God didn't choose Jesse's oldest son to be king. God said, "Do not look at what he looks like or how tall he is. He isn't the one I have chosen. People care about what others look like on the outside, but God looks at the heart." *Point to your heart.*



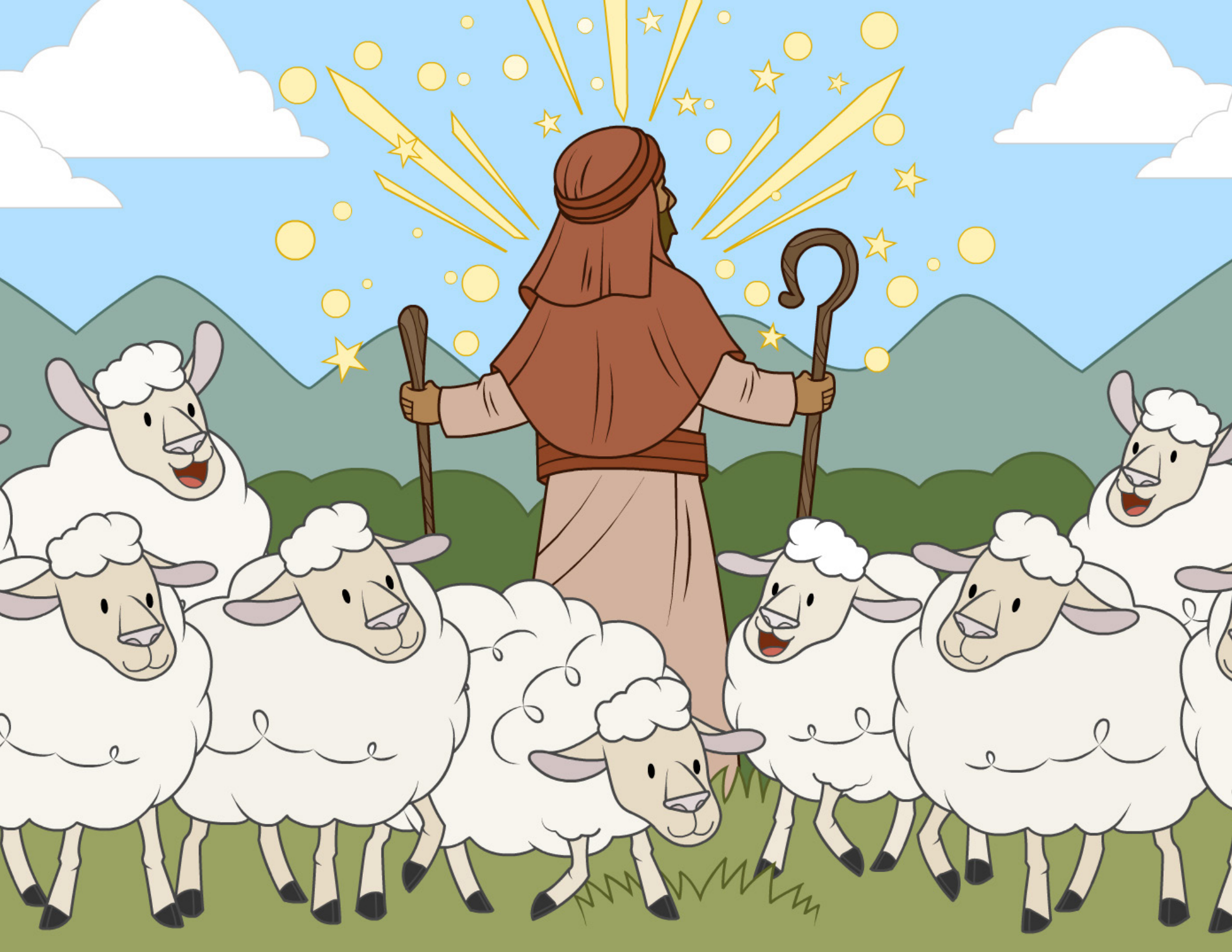
Samuel looked at seven of Jesse's sons. None of them was the new king! Samuel asked, "Are these all your sons?" Jesse said he had another son, David, his youngest, who was out watching sheep. What sound does a sheep make? Baaa! Jesse brought David to Samuel, and God said, "This is the one. This is the next king."



Many years later, David became king, just like God said. But he started out as a shepherd boy. In Psalm 23, David tells us about how God is the Good Shepherd! How is God like a shepherd? God is like a shepherd because He provides, guides, protects and comforts us!



Let's learn more about Psalm 23 and how we can trust God. The very beginning of the psalm says, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." God is the perfect shepherd and He gives us what we need. Shepherds protect their sheep, and God protects us. God is always there for us.



God is a Good Shepherd! We know God will always care for us as a Good Shepherd would care for his flock of sheep. We can trust in God and know His goodness never ends. In John 10:11, Jesus says, "The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Jesus was sent to lay down His life for us. He died on the cross and rose again, providing the only way for us to be forgiven from our sins and live with God forever.



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Memory Verse

How do we know God
is good? Through His
love for us.

The Lord is good to all.
(Psalms 145:9)